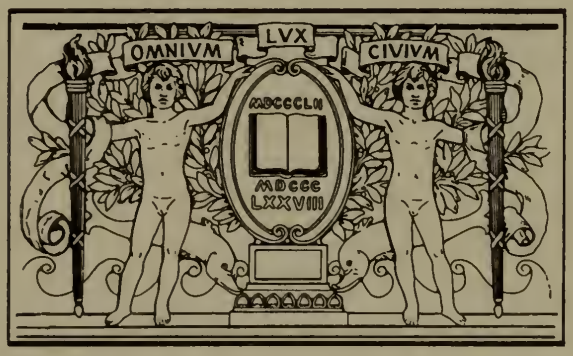

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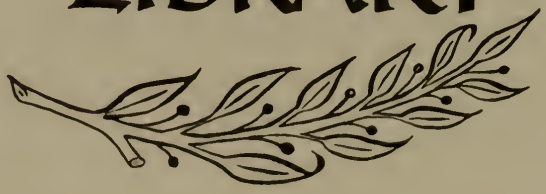

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

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In School Committee, Jan. 13, 1890.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, for this municipal year, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 13, 1890, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock P.M.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, O'Grady, Packard, and Swasey.

The Board was called to order by Mr. Joseph D. Fallon, the senior member.

Members with unexpired terms.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Pingree, Messrs. W. S. Allen, Blake, Capen, Elliott, Emery, Fallon, Green, Humphreys, Mowry, O'Grady, Packard, Schindler, Swasey, and Winship.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Clerk.

Office of City Clerk, City of Boston,
City Hall, Dec. 30, 1889.

Phineas Bates, Esq., *Secretary School Committee, Boston, Mass.:* —

Sir, — By direction of the Board of Aldermen, certificates of election as members of the School Committee have been issued to the following-named persons: Stillman B. Allen, Charles T. Gallagher, Caroline E. Hastings, Benjamin B. Whittemore, Fred G. Pettigrove, George E. Mecuen, Elizabeth C. Keller, Charles E. Daniels.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

Credentials of members-elect.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallagher, Humphreys, and Mowry a committee to collect the certificates of members-elect. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from

the newly elected members as follows: For three years, — Stillman B. Allen, Charles T. Gallagher, Caroline E. Hastings, Fred G. Pettigrove, George E. Mecuen, Elizabeth C. Keller, Charles E. Daniels.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

Credentials of Benjamin B. Whittemore.

Subsequently, the Chair stated that the credentials of Benjamin B. Whittemore as a member-elect of the School Committee for three years had been received, and Mr. Whittemore appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the public schools of last year which involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Capen offered the following:

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the public schools of last year which do not involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

Mr. W. S. Allen offered the following: —

Number of members on Committee on High Schools; amendment of Rules.

Ordered, That section 4 of the Rules be amended by striking out, after the word "School" in the fourth line, the words "and a Committee on High Schools, each committee," and by inserting, after the word "members" in the sixth line, the words "and a Committee on High Schools, consisting of nine members, to be selected as far as practicable, so that one member shall reside in each division of the city."

On motion of Mr. Emery, the order offered by Mr. W. S. Allen was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, when appointed.

The order offered by Mr. Capen passed.

Election of President.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, W. S. Allen, and Green, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. They reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 10. Samuel B. Capen had 1 vote, and Charles T. Gallagher had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected President of the School Committee. Charles T. Gallagher elected President.

The Chair appointed Mr. Emery and Mrs. Fifield a committee to conduct the President to the Chair.

The President in the Chair.

At the request of the Chair, prayer was offered by Rev. Solomon Schindler. Prayer.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. W. S. Allen, Mecuen, and Emery were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 10. Phineas Bates had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Secretary.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, the President administering the oath of office. Secretary qualified.

The Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Messrs. Capen, Pettigrove, and S. B. Allen were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 10. William J. Porter had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Auditing Clerk.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Messrs. Green, Winship, and Fallon were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 10. Alvah H. Peters had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Messenger.

Election of Treasurer of Corporation.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Mowry, Pettigrove, and Humphreys a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice, 9. Charles E. Daniels had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees when appointed.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet in this room, on Thursday, January 16, at 5 o'clock P.M.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair read the following: —

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
BOSTON, Dec. 10, 1889.

Physical training in the public schools. [See page 316, Minutes, 1889.]

The whole subject of physical training in the public schools was referred to the next School Board.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene, when appointed.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, it was

Appointment of Special Committee on Revision of Course of Study.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed by the President of this Board, whose duty it shall become to revise the course of study in our public schools, and to report to this Board within three months, recommending such alterations as they will think proper to be made in order to meet the requirements of a new time.

Mr. Winship presented a petition signed by E. P. Champney and fifteen others, residents of Oak square, Brighton, praying that the school building now situated in the middle of the street at Oak square, be moved to some more suitable location in the vicinity.

Petition for change in location of school-house at Oak square.

Referred to the Committee on School-Houses, when appointed.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That section 2 of chapter 1 of the Rules be amended by inserting, after the word "Nominations" in the eighth line, the words "Physical Training."

Committee on Physical Training; Rules amended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the vote whereby the whole subject of physical training in the public schools was referred to the Committee on Hygiene, when appointed, was reconsidered.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the whole subject of physical training in the public schools was referred to the Committee on Physical Training, when appointed.

Physical training in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Ordered, That the President of the Board, and the Committee on Legislative Matters, when appointed, be instructed to appear before the proper committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, and urge such legislation as will provide the necessary funds for building the nine new school buildings so imperatively needed.

Legislation to provide funds for erection of school-houses.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the subject of corporal punishment as contained in the reports made to the Board at its last meeting was specially assigned for consideration to the meeting of the Board, January 28, at eight o'clock.

Special assignment; Reports on Corporal Punishment. [See page 326, Minutes, 1889.]

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Ordered, That the reports required by section 199

Reports of corporal

punishment; amendment to Regulations.

and section 221 of the Regulations be made on blanks prepared for the purpose, and be preserved on file by the principal of each district for two years, at the end of which time they shall be destroyed. These reports shall be open to the inspection of members of the School Committee, and of the Board of Supervisors.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, when appointed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Establishment of a Truant School on main land.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations, when appointed, be instructed to consider the necessity of this Board renewing its application for the providing of a Truant School by the City Council, and also that they consider the expediency of providing, in different sections of the city, special classes under the supervision of the most skilful teachers, to which vicious and unruly boys may be sent.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the vote whereby the foregoing order passed was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the order was amended by inserting the words "and girls" after the word "boys."

The order as amended, passed.

On motion of Mr. Whittemore, it was

Time for election of Superintendent and Supervisors; amendment to Regulations.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations, when appointed, be requested to take into consideration the expediency of changing the time for the election of superintendent and supervisors from January to May.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

In School Committee, Jan. 16, 1890.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at five o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, Elliott, Green, Mowry, O'Grady, Packard, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Pettigrove, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Election of Secretary *pro tem.*

Mr. Capen stated that the Secretary was absent on account of illness, and nominated William J. Porter for Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Capen, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Secretary *pro tem.*

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Emery, and W. S. Allen a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice, 8. William J. Porter had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Secretary *pro tem.* qualified.

The Secretary of the Board *pro tem.* was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation *pro tem.*, the President administering the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Payment of taxes on school-house site, corner of Cumberland and St. Botolph streets. [See page 274, Minutes, 1889.]

Ordered, That the sum of $386.45 be paid to W. S. Hutchinson, for account of trustees of Huntington-avenue land, the same being the amount of taxes on land purchased for school-house purposes on the corner of Cumberland and St. Botolph streets, and for which a special appropriation has been made by the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Payment of taxes on school-house site, Glen road, Jamaica Plain. [See page 274, Minutes, 1889.]

Ordered, That the sum of $38.70 be paid to William H. Brown, the same being the amount of taxes on land purchased of him for school-house purposes on Glen road, Jamaica Plain, and for which a special appropriation has been made by the City Council.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Verbatim reports of proceedings of School Board.

Ordered, That the verbatim reports of the proceedings of the School Board be continued to be furnished by the "Boston Evening Transcript," upon the terms of the present contract with said "Boston Evening Transcript," until otherwise ordered by the Board.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies, when appointed.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Flag-staff on Allston school-house.

Ordered, That permission be granted to erect a flag-staff on the Allston grammar building, without expense to the city, but under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees; also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, and a Special Committee, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees.

Accounts. — George R. Swasey, Chairman; Messrs. Capen, Packard, W. S. Allen, and Whittemore.

Annual Report. — Liberty D. Packard, Chairman; Mrs. Keller and Mr. Daniels.

Drawing. — Charles M. Green, Chairman; Mr. Gallagher, Miss Pingree, Messrs. Pettigrove and O'Grady.

Elections. — J. P. C. Winship, Chairman; Messrs. Packard and Swasey.

Evening Schools. — George R. Swasey, Chairman; Messrs. Gallagher, Emery, W. S. Allen, and Schindler.

Examinations. — Joseph D. Fallon, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Emery, Mowry, and Winship.

Horace Mann School. — Caroline E. Hastings, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Green.

Hygiene. — Russell D. Elliott, Chairman; Messrs. Blake, S. B. Allen, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Pettigrove.

Kindergartens. — Laliah B. Pingree, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Swasey, Schindler, and Mrs. Keller.

Legislative Matters. — Joseph D. Fallon, Chairman; Messrs. Swasey and Capen.

Manual Training Schools. — John G. Blake, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield, Miss Pingree, Messrs. Capen and O'Grady.

Music. — Solomon Schindler, Chairman; Messrs. Packard, Whittemore, Humphreys, and Mecuen.

Nominations. — Samuel B. Capen, Chairman; Miss Hastings, Messrs. Humphreys, W. S. Allen, and Mecuen.

Physical Training. — William A. Mowry, Chairman; Mr. Winship, Miss Hastings, Mrs. Keller, and Mr. Mecuen.

Rules and Regulations. — Thomas J. Emery, Chairman; Mr. Fallon, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Capen and S. B. Allen.

Salaries. — Benjamin B. Whittemore, Chairman; Messrs. W. S. Allen, Daniels, Mecuen, and Mrs. Keller.

School Houses. — Samuel B. Capen, Chairman; Messrs. Packard, S. B. Allen, Pettigrove, and Humphreys.

Sewing. — Emily A. Fifield, Chairman; Mr. Swasey, Misses Hastings and Pingree, and Mrs. Keller.

Supplies. — Russell D. Elliott, Chairman; Messrs. Humphreys, Winship, Daniels, and Pettigrove.

Text-Books. — John G. Blake, Chairman; Messrs. Fallon, Green, W. S. Allen, and Schindler.

Truant-Officers. — Russell D. Elliott, Chairman; Messrs. Gallagher, Whittemore, Daniels, and O'Grady.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

[*Alphabetical order. Chairmen elective.*]

Normal, High School, and Division Committees.

Normal School. — Mr. S. B. Allen, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Mowry, Miss Pingree, and Mr. Winship.

High Schools. — Messrs. Blake, Emery, Fallon, Gallagher, and Green.

First Division. — Messrs. W. S. Allen, Daniels, Emery, Packard, and Pettigrove.

Second Division. — Messrs. W. S. Allen, Daniels, Elliott, O'Grady, and Pettigrove.

Third Division. — Messrs. Elliott, Fallon, Green, Miss Pingree, and Mr. Swasey.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. S. B. Allen, Green, Miss Pingree, Messrs. Schindler and Swasey.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Blake, Emery, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Mecuen and Schindler.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Fallon, Gallagher, Mowry, Packard, and Winship.

Seventh Division. — Mr. S. B. Allen, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Humphreys, Mecuen, and Whittemore.

Eighth Division. — Mr. Capen, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. O'Grady and Winship.

Ninth Division. — Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Humphreys, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Mowry and Whittemore.

Special Committee on Revision of Courses of Study. — Solomon Schindler, Chairman; Messrs. Mowry, S. B. Allen, Packard, and Whittemore.

Committee on Revision of Courses of Study. [See page 6.]

The appointments were approved.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

WM. J. PORTER,
Secretary pro tem.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 28, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Blake, O'Grady, and Schindler.

On motion of Miss Pingree, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 16, 1890.

Communication from the Common Council; use of gymnasium in High School building.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to inform the Common Council why boys are not allowed to use the gymnasium in the High School during the first year of their attendance at said school.

Passed in Common Council, Jan. 16, 1890.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Adelaide E. Somes, assistant, Jan. 31, 1890.

East Boston High School. — Sarah L. Dyer, assistant, Jan. 1, 1890.

Dudley District. — Ella T. Jackson, fourth assistant, Dec. 1, 1889.

Emerson District. — Sarah A. Bond, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1890.

Frothingham District. — Harriet E. Frye, first assistant, Feb. 1, 1890.

Martin District. — Martha Palmer, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1890.

Prince District. — Sylvester Brown, sub-master, Jan. 2, 1890.

Wells District. — Sarah G. Fogarty, fourth assistant, Jan. 2, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Allston District. — Eliza M. Warren, from Nov. 13, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Lowell District. — Rose A. Mohan, fourth assistant, from Jan. 22, 1890.

Lyman District. —Emil C. Pfeiffer, sub-master, from Jan. 2, 1890.

Phillips District. — Angie P. S. Andrews, fourth assistant, from Jan. 6, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

East Boston High School. — Abby C. Howes, assistant, second year, from Jan. 1, 1890.

Eliot District. — Sylvia A. Richards, fourth assistant, from Jan. 27, 1890.

Lyman District. — Horatio D. Newton, sub-master, fourth year, from Jan. 27, 1890.

Prescott District. — William H. Furber, sub-master, from Jan. 22, 1890.

Prince District. — Katherine L. Campbell, fourth assistant, from Jan. 6, 1890; Laura K. Hayward, fourth assistant, fourth year, from Jan. 7, 1890.

Wells District. — Sarah G. Fogarty, second assistant, Primary School, from Jan. 2, 1890; Leila L. Rand, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1890.

Smith-street Kindergarten. — Mary E. Cotting, assistant, third year, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Anna E. Lanning, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Emerson District. — Fannie O. Bartlett, third assistant.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. M. O'Dowd, third assistant.

Harris District. — Mary Waterman, second assistant, Primary School.

Lyman District. — Mabel F. Wilkins, third assistant.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Roome, third assistant.

Stoughton District. — Charles C. Haines, sub-master.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Gaston District. — Elizabeth M. Easton, second assistant, Primary School; Sadie G. Christie, Frances A. Cornish, Mary A. Crosby, Laura L. Newhall, Anna E. Somes, fourth assistants, to the same positions, re- Transfer of teachers.

spectively, in the Lincoln District, to date from Feb. 1, 1890.

Lincoln District. — Mary E. Powell, second assistant, Primary School; Laura J. Gerry, Fannie G. Patten, Mary E. Perkins, Lura M. Power, S. Louella Sweeney, Ella M. Warner, fourth assistants, to the same positions respectively in the Thomas N. Hart District, to date from Jan. 1, 1890.

Prescott District. — Seth Sears, sub-master, to the same position in the Prince District, to date from Jan. 22, 1890.

Prince District. — Laura M. Kendrick, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, to date from Jan. 6, 1890.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Jessie W. Kelly.

Allston District. — Jessie W. Kelly, third assistant, until March 1, 1890; Hattie C. Leatherbee, substitute.

Annie M. Hotchkiss.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Hotchkiss, third assistant, until April 1, 1890; Rose S. Havey, substitute.

Mary L. Bright.

Bigelow District. — Mary L. Bright, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890; Grace E. Holbrook, substitute.

Irene W. Wentworth.

Elizabeth R. Preston.

Sarah E. Brown.

Bowdoin District. — Irene W. Wentworth, third assistant, until March 1, 1890. Elizabeth R. Preston, second assistant, Primary School. until March 1, 1890; Jennie M. Jamison, substitute. Sarah E. Brown, fourth assistant, until March 1, 1890; Theresa G. Power, substitute.

Dearborn District. — Philena W. Rounseville, first assistant, until April 1, 1890; Annie M. Trundy, substitute. Elizabeth D. Mulrey, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890; Mary E. Connor, substitute.

Philena W. Rounseville.

Elizabeth D. Mulrey.

Dillaway District. — Mary L. Gore and Lydia G. Wentworth, third assistants, until April 1, 1890.

Mary L. Gore.

Lydia G. Wentworth.

Eliot District. — Kate L. Dodge, third assistant, until July 1, 1890. Harriet E. Lampee, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890.

Kate L. Dodge.

Harriet E. Lampee.

Franklin District. — Catherine T. Simonds, second assistant, until April 1, 1890. Mary A. Mitchell, third assistant, until April 1, 1890; Helen A. Woods, substitute. Jennie E. Haskell, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890; Mary A. Higgins, substitute.

Catherine T. Simonds.

Mary A. Mitchell.

Jennie E. Haskell.

Frothingham District. — Lucy A. Seaver, third assistant, until April 1, 1890; Florence I. Morse, substitute.

Lucy A. Seaver.

Hyde District. — Ettie L. Deuel, third assistant, until May 1, 1890; Edith A. Scanlan, substitute. Abbie M. Thompson, fourth assistant, until May 1, 1890.

Ettie L. Deuel.

Abbie M. Thompson.

Lowell District. — Anna J. Bradley, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890.

Anna J. Bradley.

Martin District. — Nellie I. Lapham, third assistant, until April 1, 1890.

Nellie I. Lapham.

Sherwin District. — Louise Ayer, third assistant, until March 1, 1890. Gertrude Halladay, third assistant, until April 1, 1890; Annie V. Hagerty, substitute.

Louise Ayer.

Gertrude Halladay.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Mary E. Powell, second assistant, Primary School, until April 1, 1890; Ellen V. Courtney, substitute.

Mary E. Powell.

Tileston District. — Ida T. Weeks, third assistant, until April 1, 1890.

Ida T. Weeks.

Abby P. Richardson.

Warren District. — Abby P. Richardson, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890; Abby G. Grandison, substitute.

Amelia E. N. Treadwell.

Winthrop District. — Amelia E. N. Treadwell, second assistant, Primary School, until Feb. 1, 1890; Emily H. Osborne, substitute.

Lucy Kummer.

Porter-street Kindergarten. — Lucy Kummer, assistant, until April 1, 1890; Edith Kummer, substitute.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; establishment of Truant School on main-land. [See pp. 8.]

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Jan. 13 — an order concerning a Truant School on the main-land, and the establishment of special classes for vicious and unruly pupils in different sections of the city, reported that they desire further time for the consideration of the establishment of these special classes. With regard to the Truant School the committee are of the unanimous opinion that the City Council should be again requested to establish a Truant School on the main-land. They recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That the City Council be and they hereby are requested to provide and establish a school for truants and absentees from school in the City of Boston, in accordance with chapter 282 of the Laws of 1886.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be granted further time in which to report on the establishment of special classes for vicious and unruly pupils.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations; time for electing Superintendent and Supervisors;

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 13 — an order requesting them to consider the expediency of changing the time for the election of Superintendent and Supervisors from January to May, reported that in the judgment of this com-

mittee it is expedient to change the time for the election of these officers, and they recommend that the Regulations be amended so as to provide that these elections be held in June instead of the time now provided for. At present the Board almost immediately after organization, with several new members, are called upon to elect a superintendent and six supervisors, of whose work the new members of the Board may know but little, and can but feel great diffidence in taking part in such elections. By changing the date of these elections to June, all the members would undoubtedly be better prepared to take intelligent action in the matter.

amendment to Regulations. [See page 8.]

The first of September is the beginning of the school year, generally, throughout the country, and the month of June seems to be the most favorable time in the year for these elections, and especially convenient for those who wish to withdraw from these positions, and for those who may be elected to them. Your committee, for the reasons given, recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

SECTION 155. Strike out all the section to and including the word "ensuing," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "Biennially in the month of June, beginning in the year 1890, a superintendent of the public schools shall be elected by ballot who shall hold his office for two years, beginning the first day of September next following."

SECT. 171. Strike out all the section to and including the words "six supervisors," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words: "Biennially in the month of June, beginning in the year 1890, the School Committee shall elect by ballot not exceeding six super-

visors for the term of two years, beginning the first day of September next following."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; reports of corporal punishments. [See pages 7, 8.]

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 13 — an order relating to reports of cases of corporal punishment by instructors, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That section 221 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "Board of Supervisors," in the fifteenth line, the following words : "The reports of cases of corporal punishment required by sections 199 and 221 shall be made on blanks prepared for the purpose, and shall be preserved on file by the principal of each district for two years, at the end of which time they shall be destroyed. These reports shall be open to the inspection of members of the School Committee and of the Board of Supervisors."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the rules were suspended, and the order was read a second time and passed.

Special assignment; reports on corporal punishment. [See page 7.]

On motion of Mr. Emery, the special assignment, being the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the subject of corporal punishment (School Doc. 19, 1889) was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the majority report was accepted.

Miss Pingree, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following : —

Promotions from Kindergartens to Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by inserting the following : —

SECTION 368. Children who at the time of entering a Kindergarten are under five years of age shall remain in the Kindergarten one year, provided that any such child deemed by the Kindergarten teacher to be qualified

for promotion may be promoted to a Primary School before the end of the year, with the consent of the supervisor in charge.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Ordered, That 1,000 copies of the courses of study, Grammar and Primary Schools, and 500 copies of the courses of study, Latin and High Schools, be printed. Edition of courses of study.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, offered the following: —

Ordered, That section 351 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following: "The Committee on Examinations shall award diplomas to such members of the Evening Elementary Schools as shall have passed a satisfactory examination with questions adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and approved by the Committee on Examinations. Diplomas for pupils in Evening Elementary Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to supply the necessary ventilation in the laboratory of the Dorchester High School. Ventilation of laboratory of Dorchester High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Ordered, That the President of this Board and the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to ask the Legislature to grant authority to the School Committee of the City of Boston to elect a Superintendent, Supervisors, Secretary, Auditing Clerk, and other school officials during the pleasure of such committee. Tenure of office of Superintendent, Supervisors, etc.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, it was

Ordered, That the Normal School be connected with the public telephone, and that the Committee on Supplies be instructed to carry this order into effect. Telephone for Normal School.

Special assignment; reports of Special Committee on Instruction in Hygiene.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the majority and minority reports of the Special Committee on Instruction in Hygiene (School Doc. 20, 1889) were taken from the files of last year and specially assigned for consideration to eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Mowry offered the following: —

Additional copies of reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations on corporal punishment.

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on subject of corporal punishment (School Doc. 19, 1889) be printed.

The Chair presented the following communication: —

Communication from masters of Boston public schools.

MASON STREET, Jan. 7, 1890.

The masters of the Boston public schools respectfully request the Honorable Board of School Committee to publish in permanent form the report on corporal punishment made to the Board by Mr. S. B. Capen, Dec. 24, 1889, and that a copy of the same be sent to each teacher in the service of the city.

A few of the reasons for offering this petition are: —

It is a declaration of confidence in our teachers, and of sympathy for them. They need and deserve both sympathy and confidence.

It will strengthen the hands, and give hope and courage to many excellent teachers who have unruly scholars.

It shows that *our* aim and settled purpose are to educate and train *every* child to become a good citizen.

That we do not shirk our duty to the bad boys and turn them into the streets to become criminals. It assumes (this is wholesome truth brought to the front at this juncture) that cheerful, prompt obedience is to be taught, and if need be, *exacted*, of *every* child; and that to do *less* than this is to wrong the State, and grievously sin against the child.

It presents new and important facts that may help fair-minded people outside of our profession to gain a wider and wiser view of the subject of school discipline.

It is, on the whole, perhaps, the *best* report that has been made upon this much-agitated subject for twenty years. We want it in convenient form for preservation.

Placed on file.

Mr. Fallon moved that the order be amended so that the verbatim report of the proceedings of this evening in regard to the subject of corporal punishment, and the order offered by Mr. Capen on the subject (see page 7 of the Minutes), be printed in the same document.

Lost.

The order, as offered by Mr. Mowry, passed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Estimates; repairs of school-houses.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to include in his estimates for public buildings for the financial year 1890–1891, a sufficient sum for the repairs of school-houses.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Estimates; Johnson Valve Service and flag-poles for school-houses.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to include in his estimates a sufficient sum for the introduction of Johnson Valve Service into school-houses, approved by the Committee on School-houses, and also for suitable flag-poles for school-houses.

Six ungraded classes in the Eliot District.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be six ungraded classes allowed in the Eliot District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Supplies; verbatim reports of proceedings of School Board. [See page 10.]

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Jan. 16, 1890 — an order regarding the continuance of verbatim reports of the proceedings of the School Board, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the matter, and while they are not prepared to recommend an indefinite continuance of verbatim reports, they believe it desirable to continue such reports for a sufficient length of time to give *all*

the members of the Board an opportunity of forming an opinion in the matter.

They, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to continue the contract with the "Boston Evening Transcript" for publishing verbatim reports of the proceedings of the School Board, until July 1, 1890, upon the same terms as are now being paid.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Death of George K. Daniell.

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, reported the death of George K. Daniell, late sub-master in the Lyman District.

Placed on file.

Mr. Mecuen offered the following: —

Establishment of additional Cooking Schools.

Ordered, That more Cooking Schools be established, so that children living in the outlying districts shall not have so great a distance to travel to and from each attendance.

Referred to the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

On motion of Mr. Mecuen, it was

Powers of School Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters consider the expediency of applying to the Legislature for the power to make it in fact what it is now only in name, viz., "The School Committee of the City of Boston."

That this Board shall have in charge the education of the children of said city, between the ages of five and fifteen years, whether in the public, private, or parochial schools.

Furthermore, that any member of the School Committee, or the Superintendent of Public Schools, or one or more of the Supervisors, shall have the privilege, right, and power to visit any school when in session,

held within the limits of the City of Boston; and if it is found that the standard of instruction is not up to that of children of like age in the public schools, they shall make a written report to this Board, who shall investigate, and if satisfied such is the case, shall advise the instructor-in-chief or instructors of such defects, with the remedy; and if the same is not corrected to the satisfaction of this committee within three months, this Board shall have the power to close that school.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make necessary and proper improvements in the ventilation of the Brimmer Grammar School building. Improved ventilation of Brimmer School.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, reported the death of L. Maria Stetson, late third assistant in the Brimmer District. The death of L. Maria Stetson.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mrs. O. F. Stacy, of Somerville, for tuition of Lena Stacy, a non-resident pupil in the Boston Normal School, viz., thirty-nine and $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars ($39.83), be abated; said pupil having been excused from payment of tuition by the Committee on Accounts. Abatement of tuition of pupil in Normal School.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Jan. 28, 1890.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred from April 1 to Feb. 1, being ten months' payments of the present financial year, the same Appropriations and expenditures.

being exclusive of expenditures for furniture, repairs, and the cost for new school-houses: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1889–90.	February Draft.	Expenditures, 10 months, 1889–90.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,331,540 00	$113,314 35	$1,099,159 59	$232,380 41
Salaries, Officers . . .	58,300 00	4,863 33	48,568 33	9,731 67
Salaries, Janitors . . .	102,000 00	8,743 17	83,901 85	18,098 15
Fuel, Gas, and Water .	80,000 00	5,622 94	66,398 32	13,601 68
Supplies and Incidental Expenses	86,454 22	4,202 18	77,321 06	9,133 16
	$1,658,294 22	$136,745 97	$1,375,349 15	$282,945 07

As compared with the corresponding ten months of last year: —

Salaries of Instructors, increased	$39,898 34
Salaries of Officers, increased	108 00
Salaries of Janitors, increased	1,510 25
Supplies and Incidental Expenses, increased . . .	11,601 81
	$53,118 40
Fuel, Gas, and Water, decreased	60 77
Increase for ten months	$53,057 63

The average monthly increase in expenses as compared with last year has been $5,305.76. The unexpended balance will permit of an increase each of the two remaining months of $4,685.75.

For the Committee on Accounts,

GEORGE R. SWASEY, *Chairman.*

Placed on file.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Act concerning employment of children; amendment of.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to report to this Board whether it is desirable to ask the present Legislature to so change Chapter 348 of the Statutes of 1888 as to give some official of the School Board of the City of Boston a discretionary power as to permitting the employment of children technically within the term of said statute.

Mr. Green offered the following: —

Ordered, That beginning with the next school year the seminary method, so called, be adopted as the method of teaching history in the High and Latin Schools.

Seminary method of teaching history.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Green offered the following: —

Ordered, That at the end of the present school year Anderson's New General History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books.

Anderson's New General History.

Laid on the table.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Green, the order was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Text-Books, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the boundary lines between the Comins and Dudley Districts shall be the middle of Tremont street.

Boundary lines, Comins and Dudley Districts.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Humphreys, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Edward P. Sherburne, sub-master in the Lowell District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in his grade, to date from Jan. 2, 1890.

Salary of Edward P. Sherburne.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Humphreys offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide that the number of pupils to a teacher in the Grammar and Primary Schools shall be forty-nine instead of fifty-six, as at present.

Number of pupils to a teacher in Grammar and Primary Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair presented the following: —

Communication from Denis Cronin; removal of ventilating-pipes, Lawrence School.

To the President and Gentlemen of the School Committee : —

We, the occupants of the houses lying adjacent to the Lawrence School-house, situated at the corner of B and Third streets, South Boston, respectfully call your attention to the tin structure erected on the vaults of said school-house. We deem the same both a nuisance and a glaring injustice to the occupants of said houses, and we presume to assert that the same is detrimental to the health and well-being of the occupants of said houses.

We have made application to the Board of Health for the removal of these tin structures, and were told that the School Committee were the only authority to apply to. Therefore, we appeal to your good judgment, integrity, and honor, for the removal of the tin structure already mentioned. Hoping our appeal will not be in vain, I am,

Your humble servant,

DENIS CRONIN.

Referred to the Commitee on Sixth Division, with full powers.

Mr. W. S. Allen offered the following : —

Text-books in history.

Ordered, That on and after July 1, 1890, Anderson's New General History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools.

Ordered, That Fisher's Outlines of Universal History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, provided satisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies.

Referred to Committee on Text-Books, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Meeuen, the Board adjourned.

Attest :

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 11, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past 7 o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Elliott, O'Grady, and Winship.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the records of the last meeting were amended by adding after the words "said statute," page 28, the word "Passed."

Amendment of records.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed, as amended.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 23, 1890.

Communication from City Council; gymnasium for English High and Latin Schools.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to include in their estimates a sum sufficient to enlarge and maintain a gymnasium, which will give all pupils of the English High and Latin Schools an opportunity to use the same.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 27.

Referred to the School Committee.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Physical Training.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 23, 1890.

Communication from City Council;

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to include in

gymnasiums for Grammar Schools.

their annual estimates a sum sufficient to provide suitable gymnasiums for all the Grammar and High Schools in the City of Boston.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, January 27.

Referred to the School Committee.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Physical Training.

The following order took its second reading: —

Time for election of Superintendent and Supervisors; Regulations amended. [See pp. 8, 20, 21, 22.]

Ordered, That the regulations be amended as follows: —

SECTION 155. Strike out all the section to and including the word "ensuing" in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the following words: "Biennially, in the month of June, beginning in the year 1890, a superintendent of the public schools shall be elected by ballot, who shall hold his office for two years, beginning the first day of September next following."

SECT. 171. Strike out all the section to and including the words "six supervisors," in the fourth line, and insert in place thereof the words: "Biennially, in the month of June, beginning in the year 1890, the school committee shall elect by ballot, not exceeding six supervisors, for the term of two years, beginning the first day of September next following."

On motion of Mr. Capen, the order was laid on the table.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Everett District. — Lydia F. Blanchard, fourth assistant, Feb. 10, 1890.

Hyde District. — Marion Henshaw, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1890.

Mather District. — Mary A. Lowe, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1890.

Pierce District. — George R. Keene, third assistant, March 1, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Harris District. — Mary Polk, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Lawrence District. — Mary F. O'Brien, from Oct. 2, 1889.

Prince District. — Grace S. Pierce, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Quincy District. — Abbie E. Batchelder, from Jan. 14, 1890.

Stoughton District. — Lilian S. Bourne, from Feb. 10, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Margaret F. Marden, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Dearborn District. — Annie M. Trundy, third assistant, from Dec. 4 to 6, 1889, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Emerson District. — Annie S. Hayward, second assistant, second year, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Everett District. — Margaret H. Manning, fourth assistant, from Feb. 10, 1890.

Frothingham District. — James W. Webster, first assistant, fifth year, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Hyde District. — Sarah R. Wentworth, third assistant, sixth year, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Mather District. — Elenora R. Clare, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Pierce District. — George R. Keene, second assistant, from March 1, 1890.

Quincy District. — Margaret E. Carey, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Horace Mann School. — Kate F. Hobart, assistant, from Nov. 4, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Mary F. Neale, second assistant, Primary School; Emma L. Merrill, fourth assistant.

Dudley District. — M. Alice Kimball, third assistant; Mary A. Brennan, fourth assistant.

Franklin District. — Sarah M. Macomber, third assistant; Etta M. Smith, fourth assistant.

Harvard District. — Olive J. Sawyer, third assistant.

Lowell District. — Lena A. Aechtler, third assistant.

Pierce District. — Helen A. Woods, third assistant.

Quincy District. — Winella W. Stratton, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Frothingham District. — Ellen L. Kelly, third assistant on probation, to the position of fourth assistant on probation in the same district; Abbie C. McAuliffe, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district; the transfers to date from Feb. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Nominations;

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported that the Agassiz District has been entitled under the rules to a

sub-master for several months, but the Division Committee has not presented a candidate for the position until the present time. The rules provide that in cases where, on account of the increase in numbers of pupils, a teacher of higher rank is allowed in a school, the nomination shall date from the beginning of the month following favorable action of the Board. In view of the fact that this district has been entitled to a sub-master for five months or more, and in view of the great desirability of appointing, at as early a date as possible, a sub-master in a district where there are nearly 400 boys in the Grammar School, with but one male teacher, — the master, — your committee are of the opinion that the nomination of a sub-master should be allowed from the date reported, and recommend the confirmation of the following nomination, on probation, under a suspension of the rules.

Nomination of sub-master in Agassiz District.

Agassiz District. — Arthur Stanley, sub-master, on probation, from Feb. 17, 1890.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That section 89 of the Rules be amended by adding the following to the section: "Whenever an instructor, who has been elected to serve during the pleasure of the Board, is promoted in rank, he may, if confirmed by the Board, after serving one year on probation in the higher rank, and, on the recommendation of the committee in charge, be elected for a tenure of office during the pleasure of the Board, *except* that whenever an instructor who has been elected to serve during the pleasure of the Board is promoted to the rank of principal of a Normal, Latin, High, or Grammar School, he

Election of teachers in tenure of office; Rules amended.

may, after serving two years as principal (during which time he shall be annually elected), on the recommendation of the committee in charge, be elected for a tenure of office during the pleasure of the Board.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Maria D. Kimball.

Chapman District. — Maria D. Kimball, second assistant, until April 1, 1890; Elizabeth E. Hough, substitute.

Katharine M. Coulahan, substitute.

Charles Sumner District. — Katharine M. Coulahan, substitute for Harriet E. Tower, third assistant.

Elizabeth G. Melcher.

Comins District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, first assistant, until April 1, 1890; Lucy S. Smith, substitute.

Mary K. Wallace.

Dearborn District. — Mary K. Wallace, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890; Sarah A. Driscoll, substitute.

Alice C. Grundel.

Dillaway District. — Alice C. Grundel, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890; B. Louise Hagerty, substitute.

Alice P. Lord.

Dwight District. — Alice P. Lord, third assistant, until May 1, 1890; Edith K. Hodsdon, substitute.

Hannah M. Coolidge

Everett District. — Hannah M. Coolidge, fourth assistant, until May 1, 1890; Mary C. Mellyn, substitute.

Caroline F. Seaver.

Lewis District. — Caroline F. Seaver, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890; Grace L. Sherry, substitute.

Charlotte L. Voigt.

Mather District. — Charlotte L. Voigt, third assistant, until April 1, 1890; Clara G. Hinds, substitute.

Emily B. Peck.

Quincy District. — Emily B. Peck, third assistant, until May 1, 1890; Anna M. Keough, substitute.

Josephine W. Greenlaw, substitute.

Tileston District. — Josephine W. Greenlaw, substitute for Ida T. Weeks, third assistant.

Winthrop District. — Emily H. Osborne, substitute for Katherine K. Marlow, second assistant.

Emily H. Osborne, substitute.

The Chair presented the report of Dr. Charles Harrington, in accordance with the permission granted by the School Board in 1888, on the character of the ventilation in several of the public schools, which was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Dr. Charles Harrington on ventilation of several of the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Ordered, That janitors of school-houses, where flagstaffs are located, be instructed to display the flags on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Flags to be displayed on Feb. 22.

Mr. Capen presented a petition, signed by M. F. Morley and 27 others, parents of children residing in that part of Ward 25 known as North Brighton, requesting that a Grammar School-house be erected in said section, and within the territory bounded by the following streets: Market, Lincoln, and Everett streets and Western avenue.

Petition for Grammar School-house at North Brighton.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Daniels, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That James W. Webster, first assistant in the Frothingham District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in his grade, to date from Feb. 3, 1890.

Salary of James W. Webster.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Whittemore, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order concerning the salary of Edward P. Sherburne, sub-master in the Lowell District, reported that in the opinion of this committee the proper time to determine the claims of a teacher for an advance in salary is at the time of appointment. In the present case the committee in charge did determine at the time of appointment of Mr. Sherburne, that he should be placed upon the sixth year of service in his

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Edward P. Sherburne. [See page 29.]

grade, but, owing to an oversight, this fact was not submitted to the Committee on Nominations. The committee in charge now wish this error corrected, and the only means of doing so is through this committee. Your committee, after careful consideration, are convinced that it was the intention of the committee in charge to place Mr. Sherburne on the advanced salary asked for, and that they were justified in doing so. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Edward P. Sherburne, sub-master in the Lowell District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in his grade, to date from Jan. 2, 1890.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Martha W. Hanley.

Mr. Whittemore, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order concerning the salary of Martha W. Hanley, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Martha W. Hanley, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 4, 1889, her previous service entitling her to the advanced salary, under section 117 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Reports of Committee on Examinations; communication from Jerome B. Conner; lecture on Brazil to pupils.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred from the files of last year a communication from Jerome B. Conner, concerning the delivery of lectures to pupils of the public schools, on the subject of Brazil, reported that no further action in the matter is needed.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Examinations; instruction in

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order that parliamentary law be taught in the High Schools, reported

that in the judgment of this committee it is inexpedient to take further action on the order referred.

parliamentary aw in High Schools.

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order that the seminary method, so called, be adopted as the method of teaching history in the High and Latin Schools, reported that the seminary method, as explained to them, seems to be substantially the same as the topical method. As the topical method is now followed in some of our High Schools, and is allowed in all of them, this committee is of the unanimous opinion that there is no need of any further legislation in this matter.

Report of Committee on Examinations; seminary method of teaching history.

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the committee on Legislative Matters, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order requesting them to consider the desirability of asking the present Legislature to amend chapter 348 of the Statutes of 1888, relating to the employment of children, reported that they are of the unanimous opinion that it is very desirable that the law should be amended, and they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Report of Committee on Legislative Matters; amendment of Act concerning employment of children. [See page 28.]

Ordered, That the President of the Board and the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to petition the Legislature to amend chapter 348 of the Acts of 1888, so as to give to any justice of any municipal or district court discretionary power as to permitting the employment of children technically within the term of said statute.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, submitted the following report: —

Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters; powers of school committees. [See pp. 26, 27.]

The Committee on Legislative Matters, who were ordered, Jan. 28, 1890, to consider the expediency of applying to the Legislature

for certain powers as set forth, or attempted to be set forth, in the following communication, viz.: "*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legislative Matters consider the expediency of applying to the Legislature for the power to make it in fact what it is now only in name, 'The School Committee of the City of Boston.' That this Board shall have in charge the education of the children of said city between the ages of five and fifteen years, whether in the public, private, or parochial schools. Furthermore, that any member of the School Committee, or the Superintendent of Public Schools, or one or more of the Supervisors, shall have the privilege, right, and power to visit any school when in session, held within the limits of the City of Boston; and if it is found that the standard of instruction is not up to that of children of like age in the public schools, they shall make a written report to this Board, who shall investigate, and if satisfied such is the case, shall advise the instructor-in-chief or instructors of such defects, with the remedy; and if the same are not corrected to the satisfaction of this Committee within three months, this Board shall have the power to close that school," — reported that they have carefully considered the communication in question, and that they unanimously deem it inexpedient to apply to the Legislature for the powers contemplated by that communication.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. FALLON, *Chairman.*
GEORGE R. SWASEY,
SAMUEL B. CAPEN.

Substitute for report of Committee on Legislative Matters.

Mr. Meeuen moved that the following order be substituted for the report: —

Ordered, That the Legislative Committee of this Board be instructed to apply to the Legislature for an act granting the following power to the School Committee of Boston: —

That this Board shall have in charge the education of the children of said city between the ages of five and fifteen years, whether in public, private, sectarian, or parochial schools. Furthermore, that any member of the School Committee, the Superintendent of Public Schools, or one or more of the Supervisors, shall have the privilege, right, and power to visit any school held

within the limits of the City of Boston, when in session, and if it is found that the standard of instruction in that school is not equal to the standard maintained by the pupils of like age in the public schools, they shall make a written report to this Board, who shall investigate, and if satisfied that such is the case, shall advise the instructor-in-chief or instructors of such defects, with the remedy; and if the same are not corrected to the satisfaction of this committee within three months, this Board shall have the power to close that school.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Mecuen's motion was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mr. Mecuen — 1.

Nays: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. S. B. Allen, W. S. Allen, Blake, Capen, Daniels, Emery, Fallon, Green, Humphreys, Mowry, Packard, Pettigrove, Schindler, Swasey, and Whittemore — 20.

Absent: Messrs. Elliott, O'Grady, and Winship — 3.

The report of the Committee on Legislative Matters was accepted.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Text-Books, submitted the following report: —

Report of Committee on Text-Books; text-books in history. [See pp. 29, 30.]

The Committee on Text-Books, to whom was referred, — Jan. 28, — with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board, orders relating to text-books in history in the High Schools, viz.: —

1. *Ordered*, That at the end of the present school-year Anderson's New General History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books;

2. *Ordered*, That on and after July 1, 1890, Anderson's New General History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools;

3. *Ordered*, That Fisher's Outlines of Universal History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, provided satisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies;

— reported that they have considered the orders referred to them. Your committee believe, and the experience of the last two years goes far to prove, that there is no text-book in modern or mediæval history written which would satisfy the just demands of all parties interested in that particular branch of study; that modern or mediæval history, especially in relation to religious or ecclesiastical matters, will be learned by the pupils of our schools, as their parents, pastors, and teachers understand it, and not necessarily as expounded in any text-book, however just or impartial may be the intention of the writer or compiler of the history: that to enforce instruction antagonistic to the religious convictions of any class of our pupils can have only one, and that a deplorable, result, viz., the disruption of our present school system. Your committee, therefore, believe that the true and proper course for this Board to follow in this matter is to leave the choice and selection of text-books to the parents of the pupils interested, and the instruction of those pupils to their teachers, without authorizing the use of any particular text-book.

For these reasons your committee recommend the passage of the following orders.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. BLAKE,
J. D. FALLON,
CHARLES M. GREEN,
S. SCHINDLER.

Ordered, That on and after Sept. 1, 1890, no text-book in modern or mediæval history be authorized for use in the High Schools.

Ordered, That on Sept. 1, 1890, any and all text-books in modern or mediæval history, now authorized in High Schools, be dropped from the list of authorized text-books.

Minority report of Committee on Text-Books; text-books in history.

Mr. W. S. Allen presented the following minority report: —

The undersigned member of the Text-Book Committee respectfully submits the following minority report: —

On the recommendation of the Text-Book Committee on the twelfth day of June, A.D. 1888, an attempt was made by this Board to drop Swinton's Outlines of General History from the list of authorized text-books in use in our schools. The Text-Book Committee of 1888, thinking their desire to drop Swinton's History had been consummated, induced the Board, on the ninth day of October, 1888, to put

an old history under a new name into the schools, the name of the new history being Anderson's New General History.

Plato advised the citizens of his republic to do "everywhere and and at all times the best." Boston cannot afford to do less.

Anderson's History is not the best. Out of date in its plan, unsatisfactory in its arrangement, grossly inaccurate, and notoriously incomplete, it is not creditable to this Board to continue the book longer in the public schools. I am pleased to know that the majority of our Text-Book Committee have concluded, though tardily, to take one step with me in this history controversy, as they, too, recommend that this sectarian history be dropped, though coupled with such conditions and for such reasons that I find myself unable to sign their report.

Last year, when looking about for a history to recommend to this Board to be substituted in place of Anderson's, it seemed to me that Fisher's Outlines of Universal History was the best book then on the market, despite the fact that it was considered by some teachers to be too scientific and difficult. Since I offered my orders last year a new history has made its appearance, which I think comes more nearly up to what we want in our Boston schools. Myer's General History seems to me to stand at the head of works of its class on account of its combining scholarship, school-room availability, and interesting style. Other historians possess one or two of these qualities, but this possesses them all. The most important events are wisely selected and graphically sketched, the topical arrangement is excellent, the maps and illustrations greatly beyond anything else I know in works of history of this kind, both in accuracy and clearness.

Believing that Swinton's Outlines of General History is still a text-book on our list, and has been for some eight years, although not in use for the past year, I recommend that Myer's New General History be added to the list also, so that teachers and scholars can take their choice between the two books.

Believing that the seminary method, so called, is not adapted to the pupils in our High Schools, and that we should have at least one text-book of history in our schools, induce me to dissent from the report of a majority of the Text-Book Committee, and to recommend the accompanying orders be adopted by the School Board.

WILLARD S. ALLEN.

Ordered, That on and after July 1, 1890, Anderson's New General History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools.

Ordered, That on and after July 1, 1890, Myer's General History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, provided atisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Allen moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Mr. Emery moved that further consideration of the subject be specially assigned for consideration at the first meeting of the Board in March.

Mr. Swasey moved as a substitute for Mr. Emery's motion, that both reports be laid on the table.

Mr. Swasey's motion passed, and both reports were laid on the table.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the reports were taken from the table.

Mr. W. S. Allen renewed his motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Allen's motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Miss Hastings, Messrs. W. S. Allen, Capen, Daniels, Emery, Mecuen, Mowry, Packard, and Whittemore — 12.

Nays: Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, Fallon, Green, Humphreys, Pettigrove, Schindler, and Swasey — 8.

Absent: Miss Pingree, Messrs. Elliott, O'Grady, and Winship — 4.

The minority report was accepted.

Mr. W. S. Allen asked the ruling of the Chair as to whether it is necessary for the orders appended to the minority report to lie over one meeting.

Ruling of the Chair.

The Chair stated that, under the Public Statutes, chap. 44, section 34, "a change may be made in the

school-books used in the public schools in a town by vote of two-thirds of the whole School Committee thereof, at a meeting of said committee, notice of such intended change having been given at a previous meeting." It will be necessary for the orders to lie over for consideration at another meeting.

Mr. W. S. Allen moved that the orders be laid on the table.

Mr. Mecuen appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Chair: Business has intervened since the decision of the Chair was given, but with the unanimous consent of the Board the appeal will be put.

Mr. Blake objected.

Mr. W. S. Allen's motion that the orders be laid on the table passed.

Special assignment; reports of Special Committee on Instruction in Hygiene. [See page 24.]

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the special assignment, being the majority and minority reports of the Special Committee on Instruction in Hygiene (School Doc. 20, 1889), was taken up.

Mr. Blake moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Lost.

The majority report of the committee was accepted.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the rules were suspended, and the order put upon its passage.

Ordered, That on and after the first day of March, 1890, the office of Instructor in Hygiene be abolished.

The order passed by a vote of 17 to 3.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; promotions from Kindergartens to Primary Schools. [See pp. 22, 23.]

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order proposing an amendment to the regulations concerning Kindergartens, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by inserting the following section: —

"SECTION 368. Children who, at the time of entering a Kindergarten, are under five years of age, shall remain in the Kindergarten one year, provided that any such child, deemed by the Kindergarten teacher to be qualified for promotion, may be promoted to a Primary School before the end of the year, with the consent of the Committee on Kindergartens."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the rules were suspended, the order was read a second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, it was

Election of Superintendent of Schools.

Ordered, That the election of Superintendent of Schools be assigned to the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Removal of trees from yard of Mt. Vernon School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to remove seven spruce-trees from the yard of the Mt. Vernon School-house.

Mr. Green offered the following: —

Establishment of office of medical and sanitary inspector of public schools.

Ordered, That the President of this Board be requested to petition the Legislature for the passage of the act: An Act to authorize the School Committee of Boston to establish the office of medical and sanitary inspector of public schools.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the order was laid on the table, by a vote of 12 to 4.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, it was

Special committee for providing for care of health of pupils and teachers in the schools.

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed to consider the best means of providing for the care of the health of pupils and teachers in the schools, and to report to this committee as soon as convenient.

On motion of Mr. Emery, Mr. Green's order was

taken from the table and referred to special committee, when appointed.

Subsequently the Chair announced the Special Committee; viz., Messrs. Mowry, Green, Emery, Fallon, Miss Hastings.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Ordered, That a School of Cookery be established in the Comins District. School of Cookery in Comins District.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be granted permission to exceed the amount specified for janitors' supplies, viz., thirty-six hundred dollars ($3,600), in the appropriation for supplies and incidentals, the amount having proved insufficient for the purpose. Excess of appropriation for janitors' supplies.

Mr. Swasey, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year 1890–91, and asked that the same be approved by the Board: — Estimates for 1890-91.

SCHOOLS.

ESTIMATES 1890–91.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, Feb. 11, 1890.

James H. Dodge, Esq., *City Auditor:* —

Dear Sir, — The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses of the public schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of May, 1890, and ending April 30, 1891, exclusive of the expenses for furniture, repairs, alterations, and the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE R. SWASEY,
Chairman Com. on Accounts, School Committee.

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

First Grade.

7	Head-masters	at $3,780	$26,460	
1	Master	3,168	3,168	
21	Masters	2,880	60,480	
2	Junior-masters	2,304	4,608	
5	"	2,016	10,080	
1	Junior-master	1,872	1,872	
2	Junior-masters	1,728	3,456	
4	"	1,584	6,336	
4	"	1,440	5,760	
2	"	1,296	2,592	
1	Junior-master	1,152	1,152	
1	"	1,008	1,008	
				$126,972

Second Grade.

41	Masters	at $2,880	$118,080	
4	"	2,820	11,280	
3	"	2,760	8,280	
1	Master	2,700	2,700	
3	Masters	2,640	7,920	
2	Sub-masters	2,496	4,992	
14	"	2,280	31,920	
1	Sub-master	2,256	2,256	
2	Sub-masters	2,160	4,320	
2	"	2,100	4,200	
1	Sub-master	2,040	2,040	
3	Sub-masters	1,980	5,940	
4	"	1,920	7,680	
2	"	1,860	3,720	
1	Sub-master	1,836	1,836	
4	Sub-masters	1,740	6,960	
6	"	1,680	10,080	
3	"	1,620	4,860	
4	"	1,560	6,240	
				245,304

Third Grade.

1	Assistant Principal	at $1,800	$1,800	
3	First Assistants	1,610	4,860	
2	Second Assistants	1,380	2,760	
2	"	1,236	2,472	
	Carried forward,		$11,892	$372,276

Brought forward,			$11,892	$372,276
12	Assistants . . .	at $1,380	16,560	
9	" . . .	1,332	11,988	
2	" . . .	1,284	2,568	
3	" . . .	1,236	3,708	
1	Assistant . . .	1,188	1,188	
3	Assistants . . .	1,140	3,420	
1	Assistant . . .	1,044	1,044	
5	Assistants . . .	996	4,980	
4	" . . .	948	3,792	
4	" . . .	900	3,600	
5	" . . .	852	4,260	
3	" . . .	804	2,412	
3	" . . .	756	2,268	
				73,680
	Fourth Grade.			
60	First Assistants . .	at $1,080	$64,800	
2	" . .	1,044	2,088	
4	" . .	1,008	4,032	
6	" . .	972	5,832	
4	" . .	936	3,744	
95	Second Assistants . .	816	77,520	
13	" . .	804	10,452	
6	" . .	792	4,752	
10	" . .	780	7,800	
8	" . .	768	6,144	
295	Third Assistants . .	744	219,480	
25	" . .	696	17,400	
22	" . .	648	14,256	
23	" . .	600	13,800	
25	" . .	552	13,800	
21	" . .	504	10,548	
10	" . .	456	4,560	
301	Fourth Assistants . .	744	223,944	
20	" . .	696	13,920	
21	" . .	648	13,608	
21	" . .	600	12,600	
24	" . .	552	13,248	
23	" . .	504	11,592	
13	" . .	456	5,928	
20	Temporary Teachers, 100 days .		3,720	
15	Special Assistants, 100 days . .		1,500	
				781,104
Carried forward,				$1,227,060

Brought forward,		$1,227,060
Special Grade.		
School on Spectacle Island: —		
Instructor		400
Special Instructor of Illustrative Drawing, Penmanship, etc., Normal School		1,080
Sewing: —		
29 Instructors, 238 Divisions		17,200
High Schools: —		
Director of Modern Languages . .	$3,000	
2 Assistants	3,000	
		6,000
Horace Mann School: —		
1 Principal	$1,800	
9 Assistants	7,300	
		9,100
Music: —		
1 Instructor, High Schools . . .	$2,640	
4 Instructors, Grammar and Primary Schools	10,560	
		13,200
Drawing: —		
Director		3,000
Hygiene: —		
1 Instructor		3,000
Chemistry: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$1,380	
" " 1 Laboratory Assistant .	744	
		2,124
Physical Culture: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor . . .	$960	
Girls' Latin, 1 Instructor . . .	492	
		1,452
Military Drill: —		
Instructor	$2,000	
Armorer	800	
		2,800
Manual Training Schools: —		
Carpentry, 1 Instructor . . .	$1,200	
Cookery, 6 Instructors . . .	4,416	
		5,616
Evening High School: —		
Head-master, 22 weeks . . .	$1,100	
1 Assistant, 66 evenings . . .	330	
Carried forward,	$1,430	$1,292,032

Brought forward,		$1,430	$1,292,032
25 Assistants, 22 weeks . . .		11,000	
Clerk		440	
		——	12,870
Evening Elementary Schools: —			
10 Principals, 22 weeks . . .		$5,500	
6 Principals, 22 weeks . . .		2,640	
12 First Assistants, 22 weeks . .		3,300	
87 Assistants, 22 weeks . . .		14,355	
		——	25,795
Evening Drawing Schools: —			
2 Masters, 63 evenings . . .		$1,260	
5 Head Assistants, 63 evenings . .		1,890	
17 Assistants, 63 evenings . .		5,355	
5 Curators		630	
		——	9,135
Kindergartens: —			
13 Principals . . .	at $708	$9,204	
4 " . . .	672	2,688	
5 " . . .	636	3,180	
2 " . . .	600	1,200	
5 Assistants . . .	540	2,700	
5 " . . .	504	2,520	
12 " . . .	468	5,616	
5 " . . .	432	2,160	
3 Special Assist's, 100 days.		300	
		——	29,568
Total for Instructors			$1,369,400

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200
Six Supervisors, at $3,780	22,680
Secretary	2,880
Auditing Clerk	2,880
Assistants	2,320
Copyist	1,000
Assistants in offices — School Department . .	1,740
Messengers	2,000
Sixteen Truant-officers	19,800
Total for Officers	$59,500

SALARIES OF JANITORS.

Janitors of 10 High Schools	$11,200
" " 55 Grammar Schools	48,250
" " 98 Primary Schools	39,350
" " 23 Special and Evening Schools	3,600
" " School Committee-rooms	2,100
Total for Janitors	$104,500

FUEL, GAS, AND WATER.

12,000 tons of coal, at $5.60 (including weighing)	$67,200
200 cords of wood, at $12.00	2,400
Gas	5,400
Water	5,200
Total	$80,200

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

Text-books, Reference Books, Exchange of Books,	$45,000
Books for Supplementary Reading	3,500
Annual Festival	2,500
Globes, Maps, and Charts	1,250
Musical Expenses: —	
Instruments, Repairs, and Covers	2,300
Printing, and Stock used for same, including Verbatim Reports	7,600
Philosophical, Chemical, and Mathematical Apparatus and Supplies	2,150
School Census	1,300
Stationery, Drawing Materials, and Record Books	12,000
Slates, Diplomas, Racks, Pencils, Erasers, etc.	3,700
Advertising	300
Military Drill: —	
Arms, Repairs, etc.	800
Removing snow and fumigating school-houses	1,800
Janitors' and other supplies	4,100
Supplies for Manual Training Schools	1,000
Materials for Kindergarten	900
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairs, repairing apparatus, etc.	5,600
Carried forward,	$95,800

Brought forward,	$95,800
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, horse and carriage expenses, postage, car and ferry tickets, receiving coal, extra clerk-hire, and sundry items	2,600
Total for Supplies and Incidentals . . .	$98,400

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Instructors	$1,369,400
Salaries of Officers	59,500
Salaries of Janitors	104,500
Fuel, Gas, and Water	80,200
Supplies and Incidentals	98,400
	$1,712,000

INCOME.

Non-residents, State and City	$13,000
Trust Funds, and other sources	24,000
	$37,000

The total amount required according to the estimates herewith submitted is $1,712,000. This estimate, as compared with the amount requested last year, shows an increase of $44,560, and an increase of $54,560 as compared with the amount granted. The increase in the number of pupils attending the High, Grammar, and Primary Schools, the establishment of additional Evening Schools, together with the extension of the Kindergarten system in different parts of the city, render the amount requested above the amount granted last year absolutely necessary to carry on the work of this department.

In the opinion of the committees having charge of the preparation of these estimates, the amount requested for each item is needed, and should be granted.

The Committee on Accounts respectfully request that the Auditor of Accounts may be authorized to transfer unexpended balances from any one of the appropriations named to any other appropriation.

For the Committee on Accounts,

GEORGE R. SWASEY,
Chairman.

For the Committee on Supplies,

RUSSELL D. ELLIOTT,
Chairman.

The Chair stated that under the rules the estimates required a two-thirds yea and nay vote for approval.

The estimates were unanimously approved by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. S. B. Allen, W. S. Allen, Blake, Capen, Daniels, Emery, Fallon, Green, Humphreys, Mecuen, Mowry, Packard, Pettigrove, Schindler, Swasey, and Whittemore — 21.

Nays: none.

Absent: Messrs. Elliott, O'Grady, and Winship.

Verbatim reports of proceedings of School Board. [See pp. 10, 25, 26.]

Mr. Green moved to reconsider vote whereby the following order was passed Jan. 28 (see page 26): —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to continue the contract with the "Boston Evening Transcript" for publishing verbatim reports of the proceedings of the School Board, until July 1, 1890, upon the same terms as are now being paid.

Mr. Mecuen raised the point of order that under rule 30, if a member does not vote on a question, that the presumption is he is not present, and if he is not present, he certainly cannot give a notice of this kind.

The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken.

Mr. Swasey in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Green, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion to reconsider passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Miss Pingree, Messrs. Blake, Daniels, Emery, Fallon, Gallagher, Green, Humphreys, Mowry, Packard, Pettigrove, Schindler, Swasey, and Whittemore — 14.

Nays: Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Miss Hastings, Messrs. S. B. Allen, W. S. Allen, Capen, Mecuen — 7.

Absent: Messrs. Elliott, O'Grady, and Winship.

The President in the chair.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of two dollars per evening of actual service be paid to Lucy R. Beadle for services as assistant in the East Boston Branch of the Evening High School, from Oct. 21, 1889, to Jan. 8, 1890, inclusive.

Salary of Lucy R. Beadle; services in Evening School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the term of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools be continued one week, and that these schools close the present year on Friday evening, March 14, 1890.

Extension of term of Evening Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mrs. Alice L. Hayward, of Melrose Highlands, for tuition of Callie H. Hayward, a non-resident pupil in the Boston Normal School, viz., thirty-nine and $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars ($39.83), be abated; said pupil having been excused from payment of tuition by the Committee on Accounts.

Abatement of tuition of Callie H. Hayward.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mrs. Mary Meaney, of Brookline, for tuition of Mary E. Meaney, a non-resident in the Boston Normal School, viz., thirty-nine and $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars ($39.83), be abated; said pupil having been excused from payment of tuition by the Committee on Accounts.

Abatement of tuition of Mary E. Meaney.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Payment of salary due Michael J. Quinlan.

Ordered, That the salary due Michael J. Quinlan, deceased, late janitor of the Lincoln School, be paid to his mother, Mrs. Mary Quinlan.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Feb. 25, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. S. B. Allen, O'Grady, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, the records of the last meeting were amended by adding the following words to page 54: "The order was lost." Amendment of records.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed, as amended.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Franklin District. — Margaret C. Schouler, third assistant, March 1, 1890. Resignation of teachers.

Lawrence District. — Mary A. A. Dolan, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Dillaway District. — Emily L. Crosswell, from Feb. 11, 1890. Special assistants.

Dwight District. — Mary S. Laughton, from Feb. 13, 1890.

Sherwin District. — Lillian Tishler, from Feb. 14, 1890.

Howe School Kindergarten. — Mary B. Pope, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Gibson District. — Bessie C. Jones, fourth assistant, from March 3, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Evelyn M. Condon, fourth assistant, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Andrew District. — Alice T. Cornish, third assistant, from Sept. 4, 1889.

Franklin District. — Helen A. Woods, third assistant, from March 3, 1890.

Ruggles-street Kindergarten. — Alice Howe, assistant, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Mary J. Foley, assistant.

Andrew District. — Bessie H. Chapin, third assistant.

Bigelow District. — Annie S. McKissick, fourth assistant.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Abram T. Smith, submaster.

Martin District. — Elinor F. Buckley, third assistant.

Kindergartens.

Porter street. — Clara L. Hunting, principal; Lucy Kummer, assistant.

Walpole street. — Ada L. Peabody, assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOL.

Election of a teacher of an Evening School.

Hancock Evening School. — Ella L. Thompson, assistant, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committee in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Bowdoin District. — Ella L. Macomber, third assistant, until March 1, 1890; Irene W. Wentworth, third assistant, until March 1, 1890; Elizabeth R. Preston, second assistant, primary school, until March 1, 1890.

Ella L. Macomber. Irene W. Wentworth. Elizabeth R. Preston.

Lowell District. — Mary P. Crosby, substitute for Mary J. Capen, fourth assistant.

Mary P. Crosby, substitute.

Sherwin District. — Ellen L. Brown, substitute for Louisa Ayer, third assistant.

Ellen L. Brown, substitute.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by Thomas B. Costello, and thirty other pupils of the Quincy Evening School, for the use of the vacant room in the Quincy School, and of text-books, to continue their studies evenings to the end of May, 1890.

Petition of pupils of Quincy Evening School; use of room in Quincy School for evening classes.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That the order passed by the School Board, Dec. 24, 1889, for the purchase of a lot of land on Cambridge street, Charlestown, belonging to Sarah J. Knight, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Order to purchase land in Charlestown belonging to Sarah J. Knight, rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take, by right of eminent domain, a parcel of land belonging to Sarah J. Knight, on the south-easterly side of Cambridge street, opposite Sever street, Charlestown District, containing about 7,286 square feet, and lying between the estates of the Eastern Railroad Company and that of Thaddeus P. Dixon, and numbered 21 Cambridge street.

Land on Cambridge street, Charlestown; taking of by right of eminent domain.

Petition for new school-house at Central Station, West Roxbury.

Mr. Capen presented a petition, signed by sixty-nine residents of West Roxbury, for a new school-house near Central Station, West Roxbury, which was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Changes in special committee for providing for care of health of pupils and teachers. [See pp. 46, 47.]

Mr. Fallon, at his request, was excused from serving on the special committee for providing for the care of the health of pupils and teachers; and the Chair appointed Mr. Swasey to fill the vacancy on the committee.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Feb. 25, 1890.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred from April 1 to March 1, being eleven months' payments of the present financial year, the same being exclusive of expenditures for furniture, repairs, and the cost for new school-houses.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1889-90.	March Draft.	Expenditures, 11 months, 1889-90.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,331,540 00	$118,090 03	$1,217,249 62	$114,290 38
Salaries, Officers . . .	58,300 00	4,863 33	53,431 66	4,868 34
Salaries, Janitors . . .	102,000 00	8,796 40	92,698 25	9,301 75
Fuel, Gas, and Water .	80,000 00	2,838 57	69,236 89	10,763 11
Supplies and Incidental Expenses	86,454 22	4,971 73	82,292 79	4,161 43
	$1,658,294 22	$139,560 06	$1,514,909 21	$143,385 01

The expenses, as compared with those for the corresponding eleven months of last year, show an increase of $49,765.63.

For the Committee on Accounts,

GEORGE R. SWASEY, *Chairman.*

Placed on file.

Annual report of the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Whittemore, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee, in print

(School Doc. 4, 1890), containing a schedule of salaries of instructors for the ensuing year, and recommended the passage of the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be for the ensuing school year as contained in the following schedule (see School Doc. 4, 1890): —

2. *Ordered*, That masters elected as principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; sub-masters elected as principals, $216; first assistants elected as principals, $72 each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of a temporary junior-master be at the rate of $5 per day of actual service.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, it was

Report of proceedings of School Board reported for the daily press.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to consider the advisability of devising some plan by which the substance of the discussions as well as the action taken by this Board can be reported for the daily press, so that what would interest the public in the proceedings of the Board may be published on the next day following each meeting, and to report upon the same to this Board.

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Improvements in Wait Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to replace the stoops under the doors of the basement leading into the yard of the Wait Primary School-house; to construct properly trapped cesspools in the basement and furnace-room; to substitute tin ventilating shafts for the wooden ones now in use, and to whiten and paint the building during the summer vacation.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Packard, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Andrew School to be called the John A. Andrew School.

Ordered, That hereafter the Andrew School be called the John A. Andrew School.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

Appropriation for Mechanic Arts High School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide in their appropriations for the next fiscal year the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) for the establishing of a Mechanic Arts High School, said sum to be used for renting suitable quarters and fitting up the same, and the necessary instructors for the work required.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the rules were suspended, and the order passed unanimously, 19 members voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Additional copies of report of Dorchester celebration.

Ordered, That one thousand extra copies of the report of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the first public school in Dorchester be printed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

List of authorized text-books.

Ordered, That the list of authorized text-books, reference-books, and supplementary reading-books for 1889–90 be printed.

Mr. Capen submitted the following report: —

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, Jan. 13, an order that the Rules be amended so as to provide that the Committee on High Schools consist of nine members, report that the following order ought to pass.

For the Committee,

EMILY A. FIFIELD,
SAM'L B. CAPEN,
S. B. ALLEN.

Ordered, That Section 4 of the Rules be amended by striking out the words "and a committee on High Schools, each committee," in the fourth and fifth lines, and by inserting after the word "members," in the sixth line, the words "and a Committee on High Schools consisting of seven members."

Mr. Emery submitted the following minority report :—

The undersigned, members of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to which committee was referred—Jan. 13—an order that the Rules be amended so as to provide that the Committee on High Schools consist of nine members, report that the order ought not to pass. Minority report.

THOMAS J. EMERY,
J. D. FALLON.

Mr. Emery moved to substitute the minority for th majority report.

Lost.

The majority report was accepted.

Mr. Pettigrove moved to amend the order appended to the report by substituting the word "nine" for the word "seven."

Passed by a vote of 12 to 8.

On motion of Mr. Green, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order as amended was passed to a second reading by the following vote : —

Yeas: Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Miss Hastings, Messrs. W. S. Allen, Capen, Daniels, Emery, Humphreys, Meenen, Mowry, Packard, Pettigrove, Schindler, and Winship. — 14. Yeas and nays.

Nays: The President, Miss Pingree, Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Fallon, Green, and Whittemore. — 7.

Absent: Messrs. S. B. Allen, O'Grady, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, being the election of a Superintendent of Schools, was taken up. Election of Superintendent of Schools.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for said officer.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Capen, and Packard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. There were two blanks. Edwin P. Seaver had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Superintendent of Schools for the term of two years, beginning March 1, 1890.

Edwin P. Seaver elected.

Text-books in history. [See pp. 29, 30, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45.]

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the following orders appended to the minority report of the Committee on Text-Books, presented at the last meeting, were taken from the table.

Ordered, That on and after July 1, 1890, Anderson's New General History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools.

Ordered, That on and after July 1, 1890, Myer's General History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, provided satisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Schindler moved that the second order be considered first.

Lost.

Mr. Green moved to amend the first order by inserting after the words "Anderson's New General History," the words "Swinton's Outlines of the World's History."

Mr. W. S. Allen raised the point of order that Mr. Green's amendment was not in order. Under Section 34, Chapter 44, of the Public Statutes it states that notice of intended change in text-books is required to be given at a previous meeting. Such notice had not been given.

The Chair stated that, under the statute, any proposition for a change of text-books must lie over one

meeting. A question had been raised in connection with the introduction of Swinton's History into our schools. In the minutes of this Board, Oct. 9, 1877, it appears that "Swinton's Outlines of the World's History" was adopted in the first draft, as a substitute for the report of the Committee on Text-Books. The records state, "On motion of Mr. Finney, the first and second drafts were adopted and unanimously passed." It does not appear how many members were present at the time of the vote, and it does not appear affirmatively by the record, as the Supreme Court holds is necessary, that Swinton's History was adopted by the School Board of Boston, as a text-book, by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board. The Corporation Counsel has since given the opinion that it was not dropped by a two-thirds vote, as required. The Chair, for these two reasons, — first, that Swinton's History never has been properly adopted as a text-book, and secondly, that if it has been a properly authorized book in our schools, any attempt to drop it at present would be out of order, and would have to lie over a week, — ruled that the point of order was well taken, and that the amendment offered by Mr. Green was not in order.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The first order was passed to a second reading by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. W. S. Allen, Capen, Daniels, Elliott, Emery, Green, Humphreys, Mecuen, Mowry, Packard, Pettigrove, Whittemore, and Winship. — 18.

Nays: Messrs. Blake and Fallon. — 2.

Not Voting: Mr. Schindler.

Absent: Messrs. S. B. Allen, O'Grady, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the second order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Boundary lines of Lincoln, Shurtleff, and Thomas N. Hart Districts.

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Lincoln, Shurtleff, and Thomas N. Hart Districts be as follows; —

Lincoln District. — Beginning at the centre of Dorchester street, on the northern shore; thence by the centres of Dorchester, Emerson, and L streets to the water on the southern shore; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Shurtleff District. — Includes that part of South Boston lying between the districts of the Norcross and Thomas N. Hart Districts, not included in the Andrew District for girls.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Beginning at the centre of Dorchester street on the northern shore; thence by the centres of Dorchester, Emerson, and L streets to the water on the southern shore; thence by the water to Old Harbor street; thence by the centres of Old Harbor and Dorchester streets to the point of beginning.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 11, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, Elliott, Fallon, Mowry, O'Grady, and Whittemore.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the records of the last meeting were amended by striking out the words "to a second reading," after the words "The first order passed," page 65. Records amended.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed, as amended.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Feb. 17, 1890.

Communication from the City Council; Primary School accommodations, Bigelow District.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to consider the expediency of providing suitable quarters for the children in South Boston attending school in the Court-House building, at the corner of Fourth and Dorchester streets.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. February 20, came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, February 24, 1890.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Sixth Division.

The following order took its second reading: —

Ordered, That Section 4 of the rules be amended by striking out the words "and a Committee on High Number of members. Committee on

High Schools; amendment of rules. [See pp. 4, 62, 63.]

Schools, each committee," in the fourth and fifth lines, and by inserting after the word "members," in the sixth line, the words "and a Committee on High Schools consisting of nine members."

On motion of Mr. Capen, the order was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Committee on Manual Training Schools, changes in.

The Chair presented the resignation of Mr. Blake as Chairman of the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

The Chair appointed Mr. Capen Chairman of the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Approved.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Orient Heights Improvement Society; school accommodations.

ORIENT HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

At the regular meeting of the Orient Heights Improvement Society, held Dec. 17, 1889, the undersigned were appointed a committee to recite our grievances, to petition the City Government for our rights, and demand such improvements as are absolutely necessary for the preservation of the lives and health of the residents of this locality; also to send a copy of our report to the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Health, the School Board, and to the East Boston Free Press and the Boston daily papers, to request the above-named Boards to visit Orient Heights and grant us a hearing in the matter herein referred to. Your committee, after full consideration, beg leave to submit the following report: —

. . . Schools. — We find the accommodation not only absolutely inadequate for the number of pupils, but we also find small children of five years and upwards in a cellar without drainage, which we look upon as not only criminal neglect, but a disgrace to the city of Boston. And we earnestly and especially call the attention of the department having charge of these matters of school and sewerage as matters of the most urgent and immediate attention, and hope to see them remedied without delay. . . .

(Signed) J. C. McKIE,
Chairman of Committee.

FEB. 18, 1890.

At the regular meeting of the Association the above report was presented. Mr. D'Arcy moved the meeting to resolve itself into a

committee of the whole, which was carried, and the report unanimously adopted.

(Signed) M. F. D'ARCY,
Secretary pro tem.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Edward Atkinson; fire-escapes on school buildings.

OFFICE OF THE BOSTON MANUFACTURERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., BOSTON, March 7, 1890.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

GENTLEMEN, — It is my function to prevent textile and other factories from being destroyed by fire. As an incident in my profession, it becomes my duty to have the fire-escapes on factories inspected, and to keep them under supervision. The unpleasant side of this work is in being called upon to observe the neglect of the common rules of safety, both in respect to property and life, in buildings which do not come within the classes that are insured by Factory Mutual Companies.

Among these buildings my attention has been called from time to time to the danger to life in the Boston school-houses. I am not certain, but I believe that it was in consequence of an article which I wrote several years ago, not long after the loss of many lives in a school-house destroyed by fire in another city, that the so-called Dunn fire-escapes were attached to the Boston school-houses.

At a later day, after another loss of life by fire for lack of adequate fire-escapes, my attention was again called to this so-called fire-escape by Captain Cunningham, now in my employ, formerly a district engineer of the city of Boston, who utterly condemned the Dunn fire-escape when it was being put upon the school-houses. After this action an official report was made to the City Government sustaining my views of the worthlessness of this so-called fire-escape.

I have now somewhat unwillingly been forced into the discussion of the present condition of Boston, and among other matters I have again examined some of the school-houses. I now call your attention to their dangerous condition.

I first visited the Primary School-house in East street. In order that my views might either be sustained or qualified, I requested Capt. A. H. Kelsey, Chief Inspector of the Boston Underwriters Union, to visit this school-house. We both concur in the opinion

that the children on the second and third floors respectively, about one hundred and thirty and one hundred and ten in number, would be subject to very grave danger of loss of life if a fire should occur at the bottom of the single stairway by which the access is given to the second and third floors. This stairway at one point is three and one-half feet wide between the rail and the post.

If this single wooden stairway should be cut off by fire below, two hundred and forty children would be forced to the upper story to try to escape across a very insufficient and ill-guarded bridge, extending from one window to the window in a vacant building near by. I was told by one of the teachers that she had lately ascertained that the door to the room into which this bridge led had been locked on the outside.

With respect to the Dunn fire-escape, I call your attention to the following copy of a letter from the State Constable: —

BOSTON, MASS., March 6, 1890.

HON. EDWARD ATKINSON, *Pres. Manf. Ins. Co.*: —

DEAR SIR,— In reply to your inquiry of date Feb. 28, would say that at the time of the introduction of the "Dunn" fire-escape on public buildings in the city of Boston, I was called upon by the agent or proprietor of said escape to approve of the same as being an adequate and available means of escape from public buildings in case of fire or panic. I could not at that time, nor can I at the present time, give my approval.

If pupils and teachers in our public schools are dependent upon such appliances as vertical ladders for means of escape from school buildings in the event of fire or panic, I *unhesitatingly* pronounce them *deficient* means of egress, and *failing* to comply with the provisions of the Statute, chapter 426, Acts of 1888, relating to the ways of egress and means of escape from fire in certain buildings.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) RUFUS R. WADE,
Chief Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings.

I had assumed that the Boston school-houses came under the supervision of the State Constable, but he informed me that they were excepted under the provisions of the Statute. I then asked him to give me his judgment of the Dunn fire-escape, so called, which is given in the foregoing.

On receipt of this letter, confirming my own judgment, I wrote to the Mayor to know who could be held responsible for neglect to pro-

vide for the safety of the school children of Boston. To which he replies, as follows: —

"Subject to the pleasure of the Commonwealth and the appropriations of the City Government (City Council and Mayor), the School Committee of Boston is responsible for the fire-escapes of our school-houses. (See Acts and Resolves of 1889, chapter 297.)"

It is my intention, on this third effort to provide for the safety of the children in this city, to carry the matter to an issue, even if it becomes necessary to present the case to the Grand Jury.

I venture to suggest that I am not imputing blame to yourselves, or that you have been wittingly negligent. I do not fail to observe that your power is *limited*, as stated by the Mayor, "to the pleasure of the Commonwealth and to the appropriations of the City Government." My purpose is to aid you, in what I doubt not you greatly desire to do in the matter, rather than to impute fault. I think that you will agree with me that it is time this subject were thoroughly considered, and the right method adopted and carried out to secure safety while the whole subject of the fire service of Boston is under consideration.

Very respectfully yours,

EDWARD ATKINSON.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Phillips District. — Lizzie G. Perry, fourth assistant, March 31, 1890. Resignation of teachers.

Quincy District. — Winella W. Stratton, fourth assistant, March 1, 1890.

Schools of Cookery. — Sarah C. Woodward, instructor, Jan. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Franklin District. — Elizabeth C. Daily, from March 3, 1890. Special assistants.

George Putnam District. — Caroline M. Poole, from March 10, 1890.

Lowell District. — Martha C. McGowan, from March 5, 1890.

Phillips District. — Gertrude L. Hodges, from Feb. 7, 1890.

Stoughton District. — Louisa W. Burgess, from Feb. 24, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Latin School. — C. Howard Wilson, junior-master, from March 12, 1890.

English High School. — John Vaughn, junior-master, from March 4, 1890.

Adams District. — Emeline W. Ripley, third assistant, from March 4, 1890.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, fourth assistant, from March 5, 1890.

Dearborn District. — Helen Doherty, third assistant, from March 4, 1890.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from March 4, 1890; J. Gertrude Mulloney, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1890.

Emerson District. — Helen A. Melrose, third assistant, from March 17, 1890.

George Putnam District. — Josephine A. Seidensticker, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1890.

Hancock District. — Mary A. Mahan, third assistant, from Feb. 10, 1890; Catherine W. Fraser, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1890; Emma L. Mitchell, fourth assistant, from Feb. 12, 1890.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Esther E. McGrath, third assistant, from March 10, 1890; Isabella L. Bisset, fourth assistant, from Feb. 11, 1890.

Lewis District. — Grace M. Clark, third assistant, from March 4, 1890.

Lyman District. — Emma M. Bates, fourth assistant, from March 4, 1890.

Mt. Vernon District. — Marian A. McIntyre, third assistant, from March 11, 1890.

Quincy District. — Abbie E. Batchelder, fourth assistant, from March 3, 1890.

Schools of Cookery. — Julia M. Murphy, instructor, from Jan. 2, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Schools of Cookery. — Kate C. Winship, instructor, from March 10, 1890. Election of teachers on probation.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bowdoin District. — Harriet L. Smith, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Eliot District. — Walter A. Robinson, sub-master.

Gaston District. — Carrie M. Kingman, second assistant.

Yeoman-street Kindergarten. — Daisy G. Dame, assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. Nichols, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district; the transfer to date from Jan. 1, 1890. Transfer of a teacher.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOL.

Franklin Evening School. — Philip M. Fitzsimmons, assistant, from Feb. 5, 1890. Election of a teacher of an Evening School.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Capen it was

Committee on Nominations granted further time to report on reëlection of teachers.

Ordered, That the Committee on Nominations be granted further time to report the nominations of instructors for reëlection, and that said report be presented to the Board at the second regular meeting of the Board in March, the present year.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Sarah R. Wentworth.

Ordered, That Sarah R. Wentworth, third assistant in the Hyde District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Feb. 3, 1890.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Alice T. Smith.

Harvard District. — Alice T. Smith, fourth assistant, until June 1, 1890; Myra F. Towle, substitute.

Mary J. Capen.

Lowell District. — Mary J. Capen, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1890; Mary P. Crosby, substitute.

Emma L. Wyman.

Rice District. — Emma L. Wyman, fourth assistant, until June 1, 1890; Annie M. Driscoll, substitute.

On motion of Miss Pingree, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Rules and regulations of Kindergartens to be printed.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the rules and regulations relating to Kindergartens be printed.

On motion of Miss Pingree, for the same committee, it was

Establishment of a Kindergarten in Thomas N. Hart District.

Ordered, That the School Committee establish a Kindergarten in the Thomas N. Hart District.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Instruction in Physiology and Hygiene.

Ordered, That the Special Committee appointed January 13, to revise the courses of study in our schools, be

requested to consider the expediency of giving more time to the study of Physiology and Hygiene, in accordance with the requirements of the statutes of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a four-room Primary School-house in the Dillaway District.

New Primary School-house in Dillaway District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Ordered, That the election of Supervisors be specially assigned to the next meeting of this Board, at eight o'clock.

Election of Supervisors specially assigned.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — the report of Dr. Charles Harrington, on the character of the ventilation in several of the public schools, reported that the document has been very carefully prepared, and will undoubtedly be of much interest in connection with the investigation of the subject of the ventilation of school buildings. Your committee recommend that the report be received and placed on file.

Report of the Committee on School Houses; report of Dr. Charles Harrington on ventilation of several of the public schools. [See page 37.]

Accepted.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Physical Training, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) for gymnastic apparatus for the Brighton High School.

Appropriation for gymnastic apparatus for Brighton High School.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to lay a plank-walk on the easterly

Plank-walk in Webster avenue.

side of Webster avenue, from the Webster Primary School-house to Brighton avenue.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Miss Pingree, for the Committee on Third Division, offered the following: —

Additional ungraded class in Wells District.

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be established in the Wells District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Superintendent of Schools and Committee on Legislative Matters to appear before Legislature in interest of carrying out provisions of Chapter 282 of Acts of 1886.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools and the Committee on Legislative Matters be directed to appear before the Legislature, and favor such legislation as will carry out the spirit of Chapter 282 of the Acts of 1886, relative to the removal of minor children from institutions occupied by criminal and vicious persons; and further to remonstrate against any legislation which may look to a different object.

Mr. Schindler offered the following: —

Accommodations to pupils in the Hancock Evening School to continue their studies.

Ordered, That accommodations be granted to the pupils of the Hancock Evening School to continue their studies.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Subsequently the vote whereby the order was referred to the Committee on Evening Schools was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the order was amended by adding the words "without expense to the city."

The order, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Evening Schools with full powers.

Mr. Green offered the following: —

Leave of absence to teachers on half pay.

Ordered, That after every ninth year of service in the schools of this city, teachers shall be entitled to a leave of absence of one year on half pay. The other half of the salary in each case shall be applied by the committees

in charge to pay for the services of necessary substitutes; and in no case shall the application of this rule entail any expense to the city beyond that of the regular salaries.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the petition of Thos. B. Costello and thirty other pupils of the Quincy Evening School, referred to the Committee on Evening Schools, Feb. 25, 1890, for the use of the vacant room in the Quincy school building, and of text-books, to continue their studies evenings to the end of May, 1890, be granted, and that such use be allowed, without expense to the city.

Petition of pupils of Quincy Evening School; use of room in Quincy School for evening classes. [See page 59.]

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools with full powers.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Adella L. Baldwin be paid $16.50 for services during eleven sessions of the Phillips Evening School; viz., on Jan. 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31, Feb. 3, 4, 5, and 7.

Compensation to Adella L. Baldwin for services in Phillips Evening School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 25, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, Mowry, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Pettigrove, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

OFFICE OF THE "BOSTON HERALD,"
BOSTON, MASS., March 21, 1890.

Communication from "Boston Herald;" use of room in High School building for "Herald" scholarship competition.

CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, ESQ., *Chairman School Committee*: —

DEAR SIR, — The "Boston Herald" would be obliged if your committee would allow us to use, on Saturday, April 5th, the large penmanship-room in the High School Building, and one or possibly two good-sized rooms adjoining, for the "Herald" scholarship competition. We ask for so much, because the indications are that one hundred and fifty or two hundred will compete from Boston and vicinity.

Yours very truly,
THE BOSTON HERALD CO.
FRED E. WHITING.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON, March 20, 1890.

Communication from Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans; use of drill hall of English High and Latin Schools during encampment week.

To the Honorable the School Board of the City of Boston: —

HON. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, *President*, — We, the undersigned, officers and Executive Committee of the Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans, having invited the naval veterans of this and other States to visit us during encampment week in August next, would most respectfully petition your honorable body for the use of the

drill hall of the English High and Latin School building of this city during that week. Our object in securing the drill-hall is to provide sleeping quarters for such of the visiting veterans as are under the charge of the Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans and who are unable to pay the prices charged by the hotels. We will guarantee that the place will be kept in good order, and when through with, will be cleaned up and left in a condition satisfactory to your Board.

PAUL H. KENDRICKEN, *Commodore.*
M. L. WHITE, *Flag Captain.*
M. H. CLEAVES, *Commander.*
And others.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Bennett District. — Helen L. Duncklee, third assistant, March 3, 1890.

John A. Andrew District. — Laura M. Young, fourth assistant, March 17, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Emerson District. — Charlotte G. Ray, March 17, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Rice District. — Elizabeth M. Mann, third assistant, March 3, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of a teacher on probation.

Bennett District. — Mary E. Winn, third assistant, March 3, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Latin School. — Isaac B. Burgess, junior-master. Accepted.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending March 31, 1891, the subordinate teachers of the several Normal, High, Latin, Grammar, Primary, and Kindergarten Schools, and the special teachers of special schools and special subjects; the terms of service to date from April 1, 1890. (See School Doc. 5, 1890.)

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of instructors.

Appended to the report was the following order: —

Ordered, That extra teachers be allowed in those districts where, from want of seating capacity, or to preserve the present classification, the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, have included them in this report.

The report was accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The teachers named in the report (School Doc. 5, 1890) were declared reëlected for the terms specified.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported for reëlection the following-named principals of schools, and Director of Modern Languages: —

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of principals and Director of Modern Languages.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee: —

Brighton High School. — Benjamin Wormelle, master.

Brimmer School. — Quincy E. Dickerman, master.

To serve for a term ending March 31, 1891: —

East Boston High School. — John F. Eliot, master.

Lyman School. — Augustus H. Kelley, master.

Bigelow School. — Frederic H. Ripley, master.

Lincoln School. — Maurice P. White, master.

Martin School. — Sylvester Brown, master.

Mount Vernon School. — John C. Ryder, sub-master.

To serve for a term ending March 31, 1891 : —

Director of Modern Languages. — Charles H. Grandgent.

Ballot.

The report was accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of schools and for a Director of Modern Languages.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Daniels, and Mrs. Keller a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19 ; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee : —

Brighton High School. — Benjamin Wormelle, master, had 19 votes.

Brimmer School. — Quincy E. Dickerman, master, had 17 votes.

To serve for a term ending March 31, 1891 : —

East Boston High School. — John F. Eliot, master, had 19 votes.

Lyman School. — Augustus H. Kelley, master, had 19 votes.

Bigelow School. — Frederic H. Ripley, master, had 19 votes.

Lincoln School. — Maurice P. White, master, had 19 votes.

Martin School. — Sylvester Brown, master, had 19 votes.

Mount Vernon School. — John C. Ryder, sub-master, had 19 votes.

Director of Modern Languages. — Charles H. Grandgent had 19 votes.

The principals of schools and the Director of Modern Languages, as reported by the committee, having received the necessary number of votes under the rules to elect, were declared reëlected for the terms specified, to date from April 1, 1890.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, until July 1, 1890, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Latin School. — Moses Merrill, head-master. Moses Merrill.

Girls' High School. — Helen D. Baright, teacher of vocal and physical culture; Fanny L. Rogers, substitute. Helen D. Baright.

Roxbury High School. — Clara H. Balch, assistant. Nellie A. Bragg, assistant; Augustus G. Williams, substitute. Clara H. Balch. Nellie A. Bragg.

Charles Sumner District. — Harriet E. Tower, third assistant; Margaret F. Marden, substitute. Harriet E. Tower.

Dearborn District. — Philena W. Rounseville, first assistant; Annie M. Trundy, substitute. Elizabeth D. Mulrey, fourth assistant; Mary E. Connor, substitute. Mary A. P. Cross, second assistant, Primary School. Mary K. Wallace, fourth assistant. Philena W. Rounseville. Elizabeth D. Mulrey. Mary A. P. Cross. Mary K. Wallace.

Dillaway District. — Eldora A. Pickering, first assistant. Mary L. Gore, third assistant. Eldora A. Pickering. Mary L. Gore.

Franklin District. — Catherine T. Simonds, second assistant; Lilian S. Bourne, substitute. Mary A. Mitchell, third assistant; Ida W. Mitchell, substitute. Jennie E. Haskell, fourth assistant; Mary A. Higgins, substitute. Catherine T. Simonds. Mary A. Mitchell. Jennie E. Haskell.

Martin District. — Nellie I. Lapham, third assistant; Margaret A. McGuire, substitute. Nellie I. Lapham.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Suggestions on teaching English to be printed.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorixed to print Suggestions on Teaching English, and that two thousand (2,000) copies of the document be printed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Orient Heights Improvement Society; school accommodations. [See pp. 68, 69.]

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — March 11, 1890 — the communication from the Orient Heights Improvement Society concerning school accommodations at Orient Heights, reported that the School Committee has already given attention to the matter of school accommodations at Orient Heights, and that land has been purchased, and the City Council has been requested to erect a new school building for the accommodation of the pupils in that locality.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; district lines 4th, 5th, and 7th Divisions.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order concerning changes in the boundary lines of school districts in the Fourth, Fifth, and Seventh Divisions, reported that it is inexpedient to make changes in the district lines of these divisions at present.

Accepted.

On motion of Miss Pingree, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Establishment of a Kindergarten in Hillside District.

Ordered, That a Kindergarten be established in the Hillside District.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Boundary lines of Mather and Gibson Districts.

Ordered, That the boundary lines between the Mather and Gibson Districts be rearranged as follows: —

From Quincy street by centre of Mount Everett street to corner of Mount Everett street and Hamilton avenue; thence by a direct line to Pilgrim place; thence by centres of Pilgrim place, Richfield street, and Puritan avenue, and across the fields to junction of Olney-street

place and Olney street: thence by centres of Olney street, an unnamed street, and Bowdoin street, to a point opposite the end of Geneva avenue; thence across the fields to Westville street; thence by centre of Westville and Gibson streets to the railroad.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Winship, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of co-education of the sexes, with special reference to future school buildings.

Special Committee on co-education of the sexes.

On motion of Mr. Green, for the Committee on Drawing, it was

Ordered, That the exhibition of the drawings of the Evening Drawing Schools take place at the discretion of the Committee on Drawing.

Exhibitions, Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Green presented the following: —

BOSTON, Feb. 27, 1890.

Communication concerning use of school-house yards by children.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

It is evident to those familiar with the life of children in the city that open spaces which can be used as playgrounds are a great and pressing need.

Your petitioners would respectfully inquire if this need cannot be partly met by the opening of the school-yards to the children at all times of the day and evening? No additional expense would be incurred by this action, unless it might be deemed wise to place a few swings and pieces of simple gymnastic apparatus in the yards, and perhaps to substitute sand or gravel for the brick pavement, in parts of the yards.

The constant use made of the new playground on the Charles-river embankment, by large numbers of boys, justifies your petitioners in thinking that the opening of these playgrounds now in possession of the city would be appreciated by the children and their parents.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT TREAT PAINE, 6 Joy street.
WILLIAM P. FOWLER, 38 Newbury street.
MRS. JAMES T. FIELDS, 148 Charles street.
ZILPHA D. SMITH, 76 White street, E.B.
REUBEN KIDNER, 16 Brimmer street.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary due Susan F. B. Perry.

Ordered, That the salary due Susan F. B. Perry, deceased, late temporary third assistant in the Dwight District, be paid to her mother, Eliza Perry.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following: —

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., March 25, 1890.

Statement of the appropriations granted, and the expenditures incurred by the School Committee, for the financial year 1889-90, exclusive of the expenditures for furniture, repairs, and the cost of new school-houses.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1889-90.	Expenditures, 1889-90.	Balance unexpended.	Expenditures, 1888-89.
Salaries, Instructors	$1,331,540 00	$1,332,573 87		$1,285,674 95
Salaries, Officers	58,300 00	58,295 00		58,157 00
Salaries, Janitors	102,000 00	101,399 05	$5,301 02	99,248 74
Fuel, Gas, and Water	80,000 00	73,580 27		75,067 07
Supplies and Incidental Expenses	86,812 78	87,503 57		77,717 33
	$1,658,652 78	$1,653,351 76	$5,301 02	$1,595,865 09

The expenses, as compared with those of last year, are as follows: —

Salaries of instructors, increased	$46,898 92
Salaries of officers, increased	138 00
Salaries of janitors, increased	2,150 31
Supplies and incidental expenses, increased	9,786 24
	$58,973 47
Less fuel, gas, and water, decreased	1,486 80
Total increase in expenses	$57,486 67

For the Committee on Accounts,

GEORGE R. SWASEY, *Chairman*.

Placed on file.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following :—

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to petition the Legislature to amend the charter of the School Committee of the City of Boston, so as to provide that the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Supervisors shall be elected in June, 1890, instead of in March, and that the term of service of said officers begin September 1, 1890.

Petition to Legislature concerning election of superintendent and supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Yeas and nays.

Subsequently, the vote whereby the yeas and nays were ordered was reconsidered.

Mr. Capen's order passed.

Mr. Swasey moved that the Board proceed to ballot for supervisors.

Ballot for Supervisors.

Mr. Meenen moved that when the ballot be taken, the Board ballot for supervisors separately.

Mr. Meenen's motion was lost.

Mr. Swasey's motion was lost by a vote of 7 to 11.

Mr. Emery moved that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet on Monday evening, March 31, at half-past seven o'clock, and that the election of supervisors be specially assigned for consideration at that meeting.

Adjournment; special assignment; election of supervisors.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Fallon the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 31, 1890.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Mowry and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Schuyler Hamilton; History of our National Flag.

THE WINDSOR.
FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, March 28, 1890.

HON. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, *President of Board of Public Schools*: —

DEAR SIR, — I published not long since a monograph, "The History of Our National Flag" If agreeable to the Board over which you preside, I would gladly present to them seventy or more, that one may be placed in the library of each public school. This brochure speaks for itself. I enclose an exemplar, in which I have taken the liberty to inscribe your name with my compliments. The publisher retired from business and returned to me a limited number of unsold copies. Chas. Ward Apthorp, deceased, of Boston, was my great-grandfather on my mother's side.

At your convenience I will thank you for the determination of the Board, my object being to place them where they will do the most good.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. servant,
SCHUYLER HAMILTON,
Maj.-Gen. Vols. U.S.A.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books, with full powers.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Joseph Hooker Post 23, G.A.R.; use of room in Stevenson's block, E.B.

JOSEPH HOOKER POST 23, G.A.R.
145 MERIDIAN ST., EAST BOSTON, March 30, 1890.

To the School Committee of Boston: —

The undersigned would respectfully ask in behalf of this post of the G.A.R., that they be allowed the use of the room in "Stevenson's Block," Meridian street, for ten days commencing Aug. 4, 1890; said room to be used by visiting comrades during the convention of the Grand Army of the Republic.

By order,

EDWARD PREBLE,
Commander.

Official,

GEO. E. HARRINGTON,
Adjutant.

The Chair stated that he had received information from the Department Commander that probably a general request would be made for use of certain buildings during the convention of the Grand Army of the Republic in August next, and the Chair would suggest that the communication just read be laid on the table for the present.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the communication was laid on the table.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Mass. Emergency and Hygiene Association; use of school-house yards.

THE TUDOR, JOY ST., March 28, 1890.

To the School Committee of Boston: —

The Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association again respectfully petition that, as in the past two years, such school-yards as are suitable for the purpose may be opened as play-grounds during the summer vacation, under the care of the M. E. & H. Association, which will provide simple and healthful games in each yard and a matron who shall have charge of the children, — all expenses being borne by the M. E. & H. Association.

FRANCIS MINOT, *President.*
KATE GANNETT WELLS, *Chairman Executive Committee.*
ELLEN M. TOWER, *Secretary of the Association.*
CHAS. FAIRCHILD, *Treasurer of the Association.*

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

The Chair announced the following special committee to consider and report upon the subject of co-education of the sexes, agreeably to the order passed by the Board at its last meeting: Mr. Winship, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Green.

Special committee on co-education of the sexes. [See page 85.]

Approved.

Mr. Emery moved that the doors be closed.

Lost by a vote of 8 to 11.

Mr. Blake moved that the Board proceed to an informal ballot for not less than six supervisors.

Election of supervisors.

Mr. Mecuen moved that the Board proceed to consider the nominations for supervisors.

The Chair ruled that as there was no report of the Committee on Nominations nominating supervisors, the motion of Mr. Mecuen was not in order.

Mr. Blake's motion passed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Capen, and Mecuen a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Samuel W. Mason had 17 votes; Ellis Peterson had 19 votes; Robert C. Metcalf had 22 votes; John Kneeland had 14 votes; George H. Conley had 21 votes; Louisa P. Hopkins had 18 votes; Frances H. Turner had 3 votes; Geo. H. Martin had 2 votes; G. I. Aldrich had 3 votes; Leonard had 1 vote; Mr. Littlefield had 2 votes; C. W. Hill had 1 vote; L. M. Chase had 1 vote; L. Anna Dudley had 2 votes.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the ballot was declared formal by a unanimous vote; all the members being present except Messrs. Mowry and O'Grady.

Supervisors elected.

Samuel W. Mason, Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, John Kneeland, George H. Conley, and Louisa P. Hopkins having received the necessary number of votes required under the rules to elect, were declared elected supervisors for the term of two years from April 1, 1890.

On motion of Miss Hastings, it was

Text-books and music.

Ordered, That the Committee on Music consider the expediency of placing on the authorized list of text-books and charts of both the revised National and Normal courses of music, and report not later than the last meeting in April.

Petition to Legislature concerning election of superintendent and supervisors. [See page 87.]

On motion of Mr. Capen, the vote whereby the following order was declared passed, at the last meeting, was reconsidered: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to petition the Legislature to amend the charter of the School Committee of the City of Boston, so as to provide that the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Supervisors shall be elected in June, 1890, instead of in March, and that the term of service of said officers begin September 1, 1890.

The order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 8, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, Elliott, Fallon, Mowry, O'Grady, Whittemore, and Winship.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Mabel L. Warner, third assistant, April 1, 1890.

Smith-street Kindergarten. — Mary E. Cotting, assistant, Feb. 3, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Eliot District. — Callie H. Hayward, March 24, 1890.

Pierce District. — Florence C. Pond, April 14, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior-master, March 24, 1890.

Schools of Cookery. — Julia M. Murphy, assistant, from April 2, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Brimmer District. — James Burrier, third assistant, sixth year, from Jan. 10, 1890.

Rice Training School. — Mabel L. Warner, second assistant, April 1, 1890.

Wells District. — Nellie M. Durgin, third assistant, March 24, 1890.

Kindergarten.

Smith-street. — Mary E. Cotting, principal, April 14, 1890.

Union-street. — Kate A. Duncklee, assistant, April 14, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Allston District. — Annie E. Bancroft, second assistant.

Hancock District. — Henrietta Thompson, fourth assistant.

Stoughton District. — Annie A. Webster, second assistant.

Cottage-place Kindergarten. — Annie S. Burpee, assistant.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported for reëlection the following-named special assistants for the school year 1890–91: —

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of special assistants.

Adams District. — Ellen S. Bloomfield. *Allston District.* — Agnes A. Aubin, Eva M. Cotton. *Dillaway District.* — Emily L. Croswell. *Dwight District.* — Mary S. Laughton. *Emerson District.* — Charlotte G. Ray. *Franklin District.* — Elizabeth E. Daily. *Harris District.* — Mary Polk. *Lowell*

District. — Martha C. McGowan. *Mt. Vernon District.* — Eliza M. Warren. *Phillips District.* — Gertrude L. Hodges. *Sherwin District.* — Lillian Tishler. *Stoughton District.* — Louisa W. Burgess, Edith M. Martine. *Howe School Kindergarten.* — Minnie G. Abbott, Mary B. Pope.

Accepted, and the special assistants named were declared reëlected.

TRANSFER.

Howe School Kindergarten. — Frieda M. Bethmann, assistant, to the same position in the Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten; the transfer to date from April 14, 1890. Transfer of a teacher.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nomination for reëlection of a teacher, to date from April 1, 1890: — Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection, Cordelia G. Torrey.

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

Dillaway District. — Cordelia G. Torrey, third assistant.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board. Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Girls' High School. — M. Medora Adams, assistant, from April 28 to Sept. 1, 1890; Emma W. Bragdon, substitute. Adams.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Hotchkins, third assistant, until July 1, 1890; Rose S. Havey, substitute. Annie M. Hotchkins.

Dillaway District. — Alice C. Grundel, third assistant, until July 1, 1890; Lydia G. Wentworth, substitute. Alice C. Grundel.

Minot District. — Mary J. Pope, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1890; Mary E. Mullen, substitute. Mary J. Pope.

Ida T. Weeks.

Tileston District. — Ida T. Weeks, third assistant, until July 1, 1890; Josephine W. Greenlaw, substitute.

Report of Special Committee on Revision of Courses of Study.

Mr. Schindler, for the Special Committee on the Revision of the Courses of Study, submitted a partial report of that committee.

Accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, the report was specially assigned for consideration at eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, the committee was granted further time to report on changes in courses of study for the Latin and High Schools.

Committee on Salaries; salary of Sarah R. Wentworth. [See page 74.]

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — March 11 — an order concerning the salary of Sarah R. Wentworth, third assistant in the Hyde District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Sarah R. Wentworth, third assistant in the Hyde District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Feb. 3, 1890, her previous service entitling her to the advanced salary under Section 117 of the rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Committee on Salaries; salary of James W. Webster. [See page 37.]

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — an order concerning the salary of James W. Webster, first assistant in the Frothingham District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That James W. Webster, first assistant in the Frothingham District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in his grade, to date from Feb. 3, 1890.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, April 8, 1890.

HON. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, *President School Committee* : —

DEAR SIR, — In accordance with the regulations, I respectfully ask the approval of the Board of the appointment of Miss Grace V. Robinson, an assistant in my office, to date from March 24, 1890.

Communication from secretary; appointment of clerk.

Respectfully yours,
PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

Approved.

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on Salaries, reported the following : —

Ordered, That the salary of the clerk recently appointed in the office of the secretary, be fixed at the rate of six hundred dollars ($600) per annum, to date from March 24, 1890, until otherwise ordered.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of the clerk in the office of the secretary.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The Chair read the following : —

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, G.A.R., FOR 1890,
HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
BOSTON, April 7, 1890.

Communication from National Encampment, G.A.R.; use of school-houses.

HON. CHAS. T. GALLAGHER, *Chairman Boston School Committee* : —

DEAR SIR, — I am directed by the Committee on Reunions for the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to respectfully request of your committee the use of the following school-houses for reunion meetings during the daytime only, for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 13, 14, and 15 respectively : —

English High and Latin,	Normal,
Bowdoin,	Brimmer,
Phillips,	Winthrop School,

Old Phillips, cor. Grove and Pinckney.

Very respectfully,
J. PAYSON BRADLEY,
Chairman Committee on Reunions.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Miss Pingree, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following : —

Additional ungraded class in the Phillips District.

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be formed in the Phillips District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Amendment of Regulations Manual Training Schools.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the regulations be amended as follows: —

SECT. — The sessions of the classes in Manual Training shall be in the morning from nine o'clock to twelve o'clock, and in the afternoon from two o'clock to four o'clock, the same as those of the Grammar and Primary Schools.

SECT. — The Masters of Districts, wherever classes in Manual Training are established, shall be required to furnish scholars from the classes under their care, the number to be determined by the Committee on Manual Training. It shall be their duty also to see that pupils are punctual and regular in their attendance, and are not excused from any lesson without imperative reason. Whenever classes are detained, prompt notice shall be sent to the teachers.

SECT. — Pupils of classes in Manual Training shall attend morning and afternoon sessions alternately, whenever practicable, in order that each pupil shall have an equal amount of instruction.

SECT. — Pupils beginning a course of instruction in Manual Training shall be expected to complete the same, unless excused by the committee in charge.

SECT. — No pupils shall be admitted to classes in Domestic Economy below the third class, unless permission is given by the Committee on Manual Training.

SECT. — All exhibitions of Manual Training shall be in charge of the teachers of that department.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That James Burrier, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from Jan. 10, 1890.

Salary of James Burrier.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary due Lucy A. G. McGilvray, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Hancock District, be paid to her mother, Julia McGilvray.

Payment of salary due Lucy A. G. McGilvray.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Sylvia A. Richards, assistant in the Comins Evening School, be paid for services rendered from Jan. 27, 1890, to March 14, 1890, inclusive; and that Margaret E. Carey, assistant in the Quincy Evening School, be paid for services rendered from Feb. 11, 1890, to March 14, 1890, inclusive; and that Ervinia Thompson be paid for fifteen evenings' service, as assistant in the Franklin Evening School.

Salaries of teachers for services in Evening Schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 8 — an order concerning the salary of James Burrier, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of James Burrier.

Ordered, That James Burrier, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from Jan. 10, 1890.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The Chair appointed the following committee to make arrangement for, and to take charge of, the Annual

Committee on Annual School Festival.

School Festival: Messrs. Humphreys, Packard, Capen, Miss Pingree, and Mr. Pettigrove.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 22, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, Elliott, Mowry, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Green, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Smith-street Kindergarten. — Mary E. Cotting, principal, April 14, 1890. Resignation of teacher.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Everett District. — Bertha Bamber, from April 18, 1890. Special assistant.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Andrew District. — Bertha E. Miller, fourth assistant, from March 17, 1890. Temporary teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Fannie H. Wiswall, third assistant, April 1 and 2, 1890.

Hancock District. — Catherine W. Fraser, fourth assistant, from April 2, 1890.

Lowell District. — Rose A. Mohan, fourth assistant, from April 22, 1890.

Mather District. — Clara G. Hinds, fourth assistant, from April 14, 1890.

Phillips District. — Angie P. S. Andrews, fourth assistant, from April 14, 1890.

Stoughton District. — Harry H. Newton, submaster, from April 15, 1890; Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, third assistant, from April 14, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Agassiz District. — Caroline N. Poole, third assistant, from April 14, 1890.

Andrew District. — Grace E. Holbrook, fourth assistant, from April 15, 1890.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Isabella L. Bissett, fourth assistant, from April 16, 1890.

Lewis District. — Grace M. Clark, third assistant, from April 16, 1890.

Warren District. — Abby G. Grandison, fourth assistant, from April 16, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teacher.

Lincoln District. — S. Josephine Lavery, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of teacher.

Agassiz District. — Nellie J. Kiggen, third assistant, to the same position in the Charles Sumner District; the transfer to date from April 1, 1890.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence until July 1, 1890, was granted to the following-named teachers, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Adams District. — Sarah E. McPhaill, third assistant; Annie M. Niland, substitute. Sarah E. McPhaill.

Bigelow District. — Margarette H. Price, fourth assistant; Florence E. Neill, substitute. Mary L. Bright, fourth assistant; Bertha E. Miller, substitute. Margarette H. Price. Mary L. Bright.

Dillaway District. — Lydia G. Wentworth, third assistant; Alice E. Robinson, substitute. B. Louise Hagerty, substitute for Alice C. Grundel, fourth assistant, granted leave of absence. Lydia G. Wentworth. B. Louise Hagerty, substitute.

Everett District. — Adelaide B. Smith, fourth assistant; Keziah J. Anslow, substitute. Hannah M. Coolidge, fourth assistant; Mary C. Mellyn, substitute. Adelaide B. Smith. Hannah M. Coolidge.

Frothingham District. — Lucy A. Seaver, third assistant; Florence I. Morse, substitute. Lucy A. Seaver.

Hyde District. — Abbie M. Thompson, fourth assistant; Edith A. Scanlan, substitute. Abbie M. Thompson.

Lincoln District. — Silence A. Hill, third assistant; Ellen V. Courtney, substitute. Silence A. Hill.

Norcross District. — Susan H. Thaxter, first assistant. Susan H. Thaxter.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Sarah M. Tripp, second assistant. Sarah M. Tripp.

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the death of Ettie L. Denel, late third assistant in the Hyde District. Death of Ettie L. Denel.

Placed on file.

Mr. Schindler, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to cause improvements to be made in the sanitary condition and in the ventilation of West Concord-street School-house, in the Everett District. Improvement in sanitary condition and ventilation, West Concord street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on Music, it was

Provision for supplementary music.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to expend a sum, not exceeding fifty dollars ($50.00), for furnishing supplementary music exercises, on the requisition of the special instructor in music in the High Schools.

Mr. Schindler presented the following: —

Majority and minority reports of Committee on Music; text-books in music. [See page 92.]

The Committee on Music, to whom was referred — March 31 — the order "That the Committee on Music consider the expediency of placing on the authorized list the text-books and charts of both the Revised National and Normal Courses of Music, and report not later than the last meeting in April," submitted the following majority and minority reports of that committee: —

MAJORITY REPORT.

The committee consider it inexpedient at present to place on the authorized list the text-books and charts of both the Revised National and Normal Courses of Music, and recommend that the order should not pass.

BENJ. B. WHITTEMORE,
L. D. PACKARD,
R. C. HUMPHREYS.

MINORITY REPORT.

The undersigned, members of the Committee on Music, believing in the fairness and timeliness of the order, recommend that it should pass.

S. SCHINDLER,
GEO. E. MECUEN.

Mr. Schindler moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, the whole subject was specially assigned for consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

Death of Annie M. Hotchkiss.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, reported the death of Annie M. Hotchkiss, late third assistant in the Bennett District.

Placed on file.

Mr. Daniels, for the Committee on the Second Division, reported the death of Abby P. Richardson, late fourth assistant in the Warren District. Death of Abby P. Richardson.

Placed on file.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That a new Primary School-house be erected in the Dearborn District. New Primary School house in Dearborn District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Emery, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish to each member of the School Committee a copy of the Revised Ordinances of 1890. Revised Ordinances for members of School Committee.

Mr. Emery offered the following: —

Ordered, That Myers's General History and Sheldon's General History be authorized as text-books in history in the High Schools. Text-books in History.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order that the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to provide that the number of pupils to a teacher in the Grammar and Primary Schools shall be forty-nine instead of fifty-six, as at present, reported that, though the committee feel that much can be said in favor of reducing the number of pupils to a teacher, they are of the opinion that there are strong reasons why this should not be done at the present time, if at all. The number of pupils to a teacher was increased some years ago, and probably the chief reason was from an economical standpoint. Your committee find that to change the number of pupils to a teacher as proposed would demand fifty or more new teachers, and entail an imme- Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; number of pupils to a teacher in Grammar and Primary Schools. [See page 29.]

diate increase in the expenses for salaries of teachers of more than twenty thousand dollars ($20,000). Under the present rules, the fifty-six pupils to a teacher is practically restricted in its operation to the single point of determining the number of teachers to which a school or district is entitled. According to the statistics, it appears that the average number of pupils to a teacher in the Grammar and Primary Schools for the past few years has been about fifty. The true fact is that the numbers in the upper classes are generally small, and the numbers in the lowest classes correspondingly large.

This, in the opinion of your committee, cannot be remedied by changing the rules as to the number of pupils to a teacher, but by some method of reclassification in the schools.

The Committee on Nominations are very liberal in their interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, and there are at present allowed by the Board about thirty-eight teachers in excess of the number provided for under the rules.

Your committee report that it is inexpedient, at least at present, to change the Rules and Regulations, and report that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Time for election of Superintendent and Supervisors. [See pp. 8, 20, 21, 22, 32.]

On motion of Mr. Capen, the order proposing amendments to the Regulations concerning the time for the election of Superintendent and Supervisors (see page 32) was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary of Abby P. Richardson.

Ordered, That the salary due Abby P. Richardson, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Warren District, on May 1, 1890, be paid to her brother, Warren Richardson.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Mary E. Skinner, deceased, late second assistant in the Hancock School, on May 1, 1890, be paid to her brother, Alvah Skinner.

Payment of salary of Mary E. Skinner.

The Chair read the following: —

To the President of the School Board: —

DEAR SIR, — I regret to say that it will be impossible for me to serve on the Committee for the Annual Festival in June.

Yours most truly,

LALIAH B. PINGREE.

52 HEREFORD ST., April 22.

Resignation of Miss Pingree as member of Committee on Annual Festival.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Swasey on the Committee on Annual School Festival, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Pingree.

Approved.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, to whom was referred — March 31 — the communication from Gen. Schuyler Hamilton, in which he proposed to present, for the library of each of the public schools, a copy of his monograph, "The History of our National Flag," reported that the kind offer of General Hamilton be accepted, and the books placed in the libraries of the public schools.

Report of Committee on Text Books; communication from Schuyler Hamilton; History of our National Flag. [See page 89.]

Accepted.

Mr. Schindler moved that the special assignment be taken up.

Special assignment.

The Chair ruled that the time to which the subject was specially assigned not having arrived, the motion was not in order.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board took a recess of five minutes.

Recess.

The Board was called to order at the expiration of the time voted for the recess.

Special assignment; report of Special Committee on Revision of the Courses of Study. [See pp. 6, 13, 96.]

On motion of Mr. Schindler, the special assignment, being the report of the Special Committee on the Revision of the Courses of Study, was taken up.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the following orders appended to the report: —

1. Time.

Ordered, That the school time be 5 hours a day for 5 days of the week.

2. Manual Training.

Ordered, *a*. That in each of the three classes of the Primary Schools, one hour a week will be given to manual training, and that the observation lessons and drawing be so united with manual training as to economize the time of teacher and pupils and to make the instruction effective.

b. That the time for manual training in the Primary Schools be taken as follows: —

Class 3. — 1 hour a week of the unappropriated time (the ½ hour of unappropriated time remaining to be added to the 2 hours a week now given to arithmetic).

Class 2. — The ½ hour a week of unappropriated time and ½ an hour of the time now given to language.

Class 1. — The 1 hour of unappropriated time.

c. That 2 hours a week be given in each of the three lower classes of the Grammar School, — to girls for sewing, and to boys for carpentry, modelling, and other manual training.

d. That two hours a week be given in each of the three upper classes of the Grammar Schools to cookery, carpentry, sewing, or other manual training.

e. That the time for manual training in the Grammar Schools be taken from the time of other studies and exercises, and from the unappropriated time, as follows: —

Class 6. — From Elementary Science, ½ hour; from Oral and Written Exercises, ½ hour; from Reading, ½ hour; from Recesses, ½ hour.

Class 5. — From Elementary Science, ½ hour; from Oral and Written Exercises, ½ hour; from Reading, ½ hour; from Recesses, ½ hour.

Class 4. — From Elementary Science, ½ hour; from Reading, ½ hour; from Geography, ½ hour; from Recesses, ½ hour.

Class 3. — From Oral and Written Exercises, ½ hour; from

History, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; from Recesses, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; from unappropriated time, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

Class 2. — From Oral and Written Exercises, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; from History, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; from Recesses, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; from unappropriated time, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

Class 1. — From Geography, 1 hour; from Recesses, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; from unappropriated time, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

f. That the regular Course of Study include manual training; but that if for good and sufficient reasons a school or class be allowed by the Committee on Manual Training, on the recommendation of Division Committee in charge, to omit any part of the manual training, said school or class shall in place thereof take such other studies or exercises as shall have been designated by the Board of Supervisors, and approved by the Committee on Examinations.

3. Physical Training.

Ordered, a. That physical training, including free play under the direction of the teacher, shall be regarded as a prime necessity in the Primary Schools, and that the time set apart for physical training and recesses shall be so used as to meet the physical needs of the pupils; and, consequently, that recesses shall be given for withdrawals from the room, for the ventilation of class-rooms, and for recreation; that, finally, if for any reason recesses are shortened or omitted, the time for the same shall be given to physical training.

b. That the time now given in Grammar Schools to recesses — $1\frac{2}{3}$ hours a week — be combined with the time now given to physical exercises — $\frac{5}{6}$ of an hour a week — and that of the sum — $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours a week — $\frac{1}{2}$ hour a week be given to manual training, $\frac{5}{6}$ of an hour a week to recesses, and $1\frac{1}{6}$ hours a week to physical training.

c. That the recesses be used for withdrawals from the room, for ventilation, and — if there be any time left — for physical training.

d. That if a school or a class be prevented from using the assigned time for manual training, it shall give at least 20 minutes a day, or $1\frac{2}{3}$ hours a week, to physical training.

4. Moral Culture.

Ordered, a. That the following note be added to the Primary and to the Grammar School Course of Study: —

Note. — Teachers are directed to give instruction for a few minutes in good manners and good morals at the opening of school in the morning and at other favorable opportunities.

b. That, under Language in the Grammar School Course of Study, there be inserted for each of the three lower classes the

words *Conversation on good manners and good morals;* and for each of the three upper classes the words *Conversation and written exercises on good manners and good morals.*

5. Hygiene.

Ordered, a. That the Course of Instruction in Hygiene include an enumeration of topics for the fourth and fifth classes in the Grammar Schools; the consideration of Hygienic duties by the first class; and a note calling the attention of teachers to the law which requires them to explain to their pupils the effects of the use of narcotics and alcoholic stimulants on the body and mind.

6. History.

Ordered, a. That stories from American History and that the lives of persons famous in American History be read by pupils of the three lower classes in the Grammar Schools, and that the books used for this purpose may be supplementary reading books.

b. That United States History be read and studied by pupils of the three upper classes of the Grammar School; and that European History, especially English History, so far as it is connected with American History, be also studied by the same pupils.

c. That the study of English History (with the exception just mentioned) be omitted from the Course of Study for the last year; and that, in place thereof, the Civil Government of Massachusetts and of the United States be studied, and the lives of persons famous in English History be read.

7. Geography.

Ordered, a. That the Course of Study in Geography end with the second class in the Grammar Schools.

8. Arithmetic.

Ordered, a. That in the fifth class of the Grammar School, the ¼ of an hour a week of unappropriated time be added to the 4¼ hours a week now given to Arithmetic.

b. That in the third class, ¼ of an hour a week of unappropriated time be added to the 3¼ hours now given to Arithmetic.

c. That in the second class, ½ hour a week of unappropriated time be added to the three hours new given to Arithmetic.

d. That in the first class, ½ hour a week of the time now given to Geography be added to the three hours now given to Arithmetic.

The Chair stated that under the rules the orders would be referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, the rules were suspended and the orders put upon their passage.

The orders were severally passed as reported.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Boston School Exhibit at World's Fair in Chicago.

Ordered, That the Superintendent and the Board of Supervisors and the Masters' Association consider and report, on or before the first meeting in June, in what form, if in any, the system and work of the Boston Public Schools shall be exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 13, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Meenen, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Office of City Clerk, City of Boston,
City Hall, April 26, 1890.

Communication from City Council; ventilation of Hancock school-house; notice from State Inspector.

Phineas Bates, Esq., *Secretary School Committee:* —

Dear Sir, — I enclose herewith a notice from Jas. H. L. Coon, Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings of the District Police, giving notice of certain requirements of the city in the matter of better ventilation of the Hancock School-house, which notice has been referred by the City Council to the School Committee.

Very truly,

J. T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

District Police,
Department of Inspection of Factories, Workshops, and Public Buildings.

Office, Commonwealth Building,
Boston, April 16, 1890.

To the City of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

In compliance with the provisions of the Statutes of the Commonwealth relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings, on the sixteenth day of April, 1890, I inspected the building known as the Hancock School-house, situated on Parmenter street, in Boston,

in said County of Suffolk; and said city is hereby notified that it appears to me, after a careful inspection, that further and different means of ventilation than those now provided are required in said building, in order to conform to the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1888. And said city is hereby directed to provide better and additional means of ventilation in said building. At least thirty cubic feet of pure air per minute should be supplied for each pupil during the session of the schools. Ducts of metal or brick must be provided of sufficient size to remove the vitiated air from each room in said building, aided by heat or mechanical means, all of which must be done subject to the approval of this department.

JAMES H. L. COON,
Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings.

Approved.

RUFUS R. WADE,
Chief Inspector.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Supt. of Public Buildings; purchase and delivery of fuel for school purposes.

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
CITY HALL, April 23, 1890.

C. T. GALLAGHER, Esq., *Chairman School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I desire to call your attention to the fact that the new City Ordinances recently passed and approved, provide in Section 2 and Chapter 33 of the ordinances relating to Public Buildings, that the authority for the purchase and delivery of fuel for school purposes is hereafter vested in the School Committee.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. C. TUCKER,
Supt. Public Buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips; use of yard of Snelling-place school-house during summer.

9 HULL STREET, BOSTON, May 5, 1890.

MR. GALLAGHER: —

DEAR SIR, — I would respectfully ask you, as president of the Boston School Committee, that the school-yard of the Pormort school, situated in Snelling place, be, as heretofore, exempt as a sand-garden or summer playground.

You kindly exempted this yard last year and the year before, when

a unanimous remonstrance was sent in from the residents and property owners, for the following reason: The school named is situated in a private way through which passage was granted to the scholars and to the school.

My residence extends from the street along this passage and joins the school-yard, and so we would be especially subjected to the unavoidable annoyance which would be occasioned by summer usage.

If you will kindly exempt this school-yard, I shall be sincerely grateful to you.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. ELIZABETH PHILLIPS.

Referred to Committee on Third Division, with full powers.

The Chair read the following: —

38 Commonwealth Avenue,

Boston, April 25, 1890.

Hon. Charles T. Gallagher, *President of the School Committee*: —

My dear Sir, — I have returned from Florida not improved in health, and am still quite ill. My doctor writes that I must have three months of entire rest, and sends me to a little farm down in Maine. I shall not be able to attend any meetings of the School Board or of committees during May or June.

I regret this extremely. The whole Board is not large in numbers, and there is a world of work to do. I don't want to shirk my share, and I know it will be hard for my fellow-members on sub-committees to make a quorum at all times, but I cannot help it.

Will you kindly inform the Board and the chairmen of the various committees upon which you placed me of the imperative reason of my absence?

I am the more pained because I love children and take a deep interest in their welfare. And having been a teacher and School Committee man in Maine, many years ago, I have, since my election, looked forward with great pleasure to service on your committee, and have hoped, in time, to make myself useful there.

I shall carry with me the memory of the great kindness which every member of the Board has shown me during my short service, and hope to be with you after vacation.

Yours faithfully,

STILLMAN B. ALLEN.

Placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Kindergartens.

Resignation of teachers.

Baldwin School. — Caroline D. Aborn, assistant, April 21, 1890.

North Bennet-street. — Mary G. Murray, assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Frieda M. Bethmann, assistant, April 14, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Bennett District. — Annie Neville, from May 1, 1890.

Dearborn District. — Mary E. McCarty, from April 25, 1890.

Dillaway District. — S. Janet Jameson, from April 28, 1890.

George Putnam District. — Hattie I. Cottrell, from April 21, 1890.

Gaston District. — Julia G. Leary, from April 14, 1890.

Gibson District. — Velma E. Cobb, from April 23, 1890.

Hillside District. — Jessie G. Paine, from May 9, 1890.

Lawrence District. — Mabel F. Spaulding, from April 15, 1890.

Lowell District. — Mary C. Hennessy, from April 21, 1890.

Kindergartens.

Baldwin School. — Hattie M. Holden, from May 5, 1890.

Quincy-street. — Gertrude A. Rausch, from April 29, 1890.

Smith-street. — Ellen M. Fiske, from May 5, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bennett District. — Rose S. Havey, third assistant, from April 17, 1890. Temporary teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Katherine M. Coulahan, third assistant, from May 1, 1890.

George Putnam District. — Josephine A. Seidensticker, third assistant, from May 5, 1890.

Gibson District. — Ingemisca G. Weysse, third assistant, from April 2, 1890.

Hyde District. — Ada M. Fitts, third assistant, from April 16, 1890.

Lawrence District. — Winifred M. Clarkson, third assistant, from Feb. 3, 1890. Gertrude D. Kean, fourth assistant, from April 15, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Evelyn M. Condon, fourth assistant, from May 5, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Charles Sumner District. — Margaret F. Marden, third assistant, from May 1, 1890. Election of teachers on probation.

Mather District. — Clara G. Hinds, fourth assistant, from April 14, 1890.

Phillips District. — Margaret D. Mitchell, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1890.

Kindergartens.

Smith-street. — Caroline D. Aborn, principal, from April 21, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Frieda M. Bethmann, principal, from April 14, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Allston District. — Alice A. Swett, first assistant.

Charles Sumner District. — Mabel E. Adams, fourth assistant.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary Butler, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence until July 1, 1890, was granted to the following-named teachers, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board : —

Sarah Shaw.

Charlestown High School. — Sarah Shaw, assistant; Delia C. Rich, substitute.

Mary L. Howard.

Bigelow District. — Mary L. Howard, fourth assistant; Florence Cahill, substitute.

Elizabeth R. Preston.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, second assistant, primary school; Jennie M. Jamison, substitute.

Maria D. Kimball.

Chapman District. — Maria D. Kimball, second assistant; Flora C. Woodman.

Elizabeth G. Melcher.

Comins District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, first assistant.

Mary S. Sprague.

Dillaway District. — Mary S. Sprague, third assistant; Isabel W. Davis, substitute.

Harriet A. Darling.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Harriet A. Darling, third assistant; Agnes G. Wright, substitute.

Alice P. Lord.

Dwight District. — Alice P. Lord, third assistant; Edith K. Hodsdon, substitute.

Esther W. M. Gilman, Josephine M. Robertson, Sarah E. Ward.

Hancock District. — Esther W. M. Gilman, fourth assistant; Josephine M. Robertson, second assistant; Sarah E. Ward, third assistant.

Lawrence District. — Ellen E. Leary, third assistant; Mary H. Brick, substitute. Ellen E. Leary.

Lowell District. — Anna J. Bradley, fourth assistant. Anna J. Bradley.

Phillips District. — Mary E. Towle, third assistant. Mary E. Towle.

Sherwin District. — Gertrude Halladay, third assistant; Annie V. Hagerty, substitute. Louisa Ayer, third assistant; Ellen L. Brown, substitute. Gertrude Halladay. Louisa Ayer.

Wells District. — Adelaide A. Rea, fourth assistant. Adelaide A. Rea.

Common-street Kindergarten. — Sallie Bush, principal; Grace M. Brown, substitute. Sallie Bush.

Webb School Kindergarten. — Lucy Kummer, assistant; Edith Kummer, substitute. Lucy Kummer.

Mr. ~~Griffin~~, for the Committee on Text-books, presented the following report: — Green

The Committee on Text-Books, to whom was referred — April 22 — the order that Myers's General History and Sheldon's General History be authorized as text-books in history in the High Schools, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board, reported that they have considered the matter with great care, and that a majority of the committee have arrived at the following conclusion: —

That while two members of the majority, Messrs. Green and Schindler, believe fully in the so-called seminary method of teaching history, and would prefer to have Sheldon's History adopted exclusively for use in the High Schools, the third member of the majority, Mr. W. S. Allen, believes that the best results will be obtained by the use of a narrative history, and desires that Myers's History should be introduced.

Further, that a like difference of opinion prevails in the School Board and in the corps of teachers.

That under these circumstances it seems wisest to the majority of the committee to authorize the use of both books, and they therefore recommend that the order referred to them be passed.

CHARLES M. GREEN,
WILLARD S. ALLEN,
S. SCHINDLER.

Laid on the table.

Text-books in history. [See page 64.]

Mr. W. S. Allen gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he should move to take from the table the second order appended to the minority report of the Committee on Text-Books (see page 64), viz.: —

Ordered, That on and after July 1, 1890, Myers's General History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, provided satisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Allen also gave notice that he should move, at the next meeting, to amend the order by inserting after the word "History" the words "and Sheldon's General History," and to substitute the word "text-books" for the word "text-book."

Patriotic exercises in schools, Memorial Day.

Mr. W. S. Allen offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 204 of the Regulations be amended, by inserting after the word "February" in the second line the words "and Memorial Day."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; communication from City Council, Primary School accommodation in Bigelow District. [See page 67.]

Mr. Packard, for the Committee on Sixth Division, to whom was referred—March 11,—the order of the City Council to consider the expediency of providing suitable quarters for the children attending school in the two rooms in the Municipal Court building in South Boston, on the corner of Fourth and Dorchester streets, have considered the matter, and respectfully report as follows: —

The nearest Primary School is the Hawes School on the further side of Broadway from the location in question, which school is already filled; the nearest Primary School in the other direction is the Clinch School, which is also filled with pupils. There is no vacant land, and no locality between these two Primary Schools, where a Primary School building can be built, except with great expense to the city. The children can be accommodated in either one of the two Primary Schools named, provided

an enlargement is made of the school building. An addition to the Bigelow School building, if practicable, would not accommodate the pupils over the Court-Room.

In the Hawes School, an extension can be made only by purchasing additional land in one of the most expensive localities in South Boston. There is room enough in the yard of the Clinch School for an extension or addition in the rear of the present building, with six rooms, which will relieve the Dorchester Heights section, and will enable the School Board to remove the pupils from the present unfit and unhealthy locality over the Court-Room.

The committee are happy to know that the City Council have taken an interest in the matter, as the School Committee in years gone by has asked the same relief and removal of them, which they were unable to grant.

The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a six-room Primary School building as an addition to the Clinch School-house in the Shurtleff District.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Ordered, That the janitors where flag-staffs are located be instructed to display the flags at half-mast on Decoration Day, May 30.

Flags on school-houses to be placed at half-mast on Decoration Day.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred, with full powers, — April 8, — the communication from the Committee on Reunions of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for permission to use certain school-houses for reunion meetings, during the daytime only, reported

Report of Committee on School Houses; use of school-houses by G.A.R. [See pp. 70, 80, 90, 97.]

that this committee see no reasonable objection to allowing the use of the school-houses for reunions in the daytime; but they are of the unanimous opinion that it would not be wise to grant the request to allow the use of school-houses for dormitories during the National Encampment.

The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to allow the use of such public school-houses as may be required by the National Encampment for meetings in the daytime only.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the order was amended by inserting after the word "school-houses" the words "and hired rooms."

The order passed as amended.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Repairs of school-houses, etc.; Superintendent of Public Buildings authorized to make.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings of the City of Boston is hereby authorized to make the necessary repairs upon school buildings and furniture, purchase the necessary furniture, employ such assistants as may be needed, and do whatever may be necessary to keep the school property in proper condition for the current year, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred and twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for payment of all amounts incurred as above authorized.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Communication from Joseph Hooker Post 23, G.A.R.; use of room in Stevenson's block, E.B. [See page 90.]

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the communication from Joseph Hooker Post 23, G.A.R., for use of room in Stevenson's block, East Boston, occupied by the Evening Drawing School, was taken from the table, and

referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Emery, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Regiment take place on Friday, May 16; and that the annual Prize Drills be held on May 26, 27, 28, and 29.

Annual parade of Boston School Regiment; prize drills.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to take measures to improve the ventilation of the Dorchester-Everett School-house.

Improvement in ventilation of Dorchester-Everett School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to report in print, and that seven hundred copies of the report be printed.

Committee on Supplies authorized to report in print.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Feb. 25, 1890 — an order that they be requested to consider the advisability of devising some plan by which the substance of the discussions, as well as the action taken by this Board, can be reported for the daily press, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the matter, and are not unanimously agreed that it is desirable to expend any money for the purpose, and that, in their opinion, any plan proposed would involve more or less expense. This committee, therefore, respectfully ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject, without an expression on the part of the School Board as to what amount, if any, it is desirable to expend for extended reports of the meetings. When the matter shall be thus decided, this

Report of Committee on Supplies; report of proceedings of School Board. [See page 61.]

committee will endeavor to satisfactorily carry out the wishes of the Board.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, it was

Abstract report of proceedings of Board in newspapers.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies consider the expediency of expending a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars ($600) a year to defray the expense of publishing an abstract of the proceedings of this Board in one or more newspapers of this city, at the discretion of said committee.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Use of Joshua Bates School-house for vacation school.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Mrs. J. W. Andrews, in behalf of the South End Vacation School Committee, to use the Joshua Bates School-house for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

Repairs on Dearborn School-house.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make the necessary repairs in the Dearborn School-house, during the coming vacation; viz.: Paint the outside wood-work; paint the fences; grade and repave the yard; repair the gutters and water-pipes; put up new curtains where needed; and whitewash the out-buildings.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Salaries of special assistants, Primary Schools.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of increasing the salary of special assistants, Primary Schools.

Miss Pingree, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 368 of the Regulations, beginning "Children who, at the time of entering a Kindergarten," etc., be renumbered Section 370. Renumbering of Section 368.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Miss Pingree, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the School Board authorize the establishment of a Kindergarten in the Franklin District. Kindergarten in Franklin District.

The Chair stated that on April 28 last he took possession of the new Horace Mann School-house, erected on Newbury street, in the name of the School Committee of Boston. Horace Mann School-house.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 27, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Miss Pingree, Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, Elliott, O'Grady, Schindler, and Whittemore.

On motion of Mr. Daniels, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Rice Training School. — Lizzie M. Burnham, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1890. Resignation of teacher.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Dearborn District. — Annie E. McWilliams, from May 26, 1890. Special assistants.

Gibson District. — Mary G. Ellis, from May 12, 1890.

Howe School Kindergarten. — Edith C. Gleason, from April 17, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charles Sumner District. — Sarah A. Atwood, fourth assistant, from May 19, 1890. Temporary teachers.

Gibson District. — Bessie C. Jones, fourth assistant, from June 3, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Allston District. — Agnes A. Aubin, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1890.

Lowell District. — Rose A. Mohan, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Mather District. — Lena LeV. Dutton, fourth assistant.

Prescott District. — Minnie E. Ward, third assistant.

Sherwin District. — E. Emmons Grover, submaster.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of teacher.

Gibson District. — Emma R. Gragg, third assistant, to the same position in the George Putnam District, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to a teacher; substitute approved.

On motion of the committee in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teacher, and the substitute named was appointed by the Board: —

Mary M. Clapp.

Mather District. — Mary M. Clapp, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1890; Mary F. Simmons, substitute.

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Cooking-school in Lyman District.

Ordered, That a cooking-school be established in the Lyman District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to appoint a special instructor of Kindergarten methods in the Normal School.

Special instructor in Kindergarten methods, Normal School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of the special instructor of Kindergarten methods, Normal school, be fixed at the rate of ten hundred and eighty dollars ($1,080) per annum.

Salary of special instructor in Kindergarten methods, Normal School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Dorchester-Everett School be hereafter called the Edward Everett School.

Name of Dorchester-Everett School changed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Mather School be enlarged during the coming summer vacation, by the addition of four rooms to the west side of the building.

Enlargement of Mather School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee in print (School Document 9, 1890), which was accepted.

Annual report of the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place larger-sized desks, with lids, in the second-class room of the Martin School-house.

Larger-sized desks in Martin School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Humphreys, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Mary McSkimmon, first assistant in the Dudley District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from June 1, 1890.

Salary of Mary McSkimmon

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Humphreys, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises of the Lowell, Dudley, and Dearborn Schools.

Ordered, That the Graduating Exercises of the Lowell, Dudley, and Dearborn Schools be held on Monday, June 23, 1890.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Humphreys, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Repairs in Dudley School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make the necessary repairs in the Dudley School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Date of Annual School Festival.

Ordered, That the Annual School Festival be held on Saturday, June 28, 1890.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Knights of Honor Hall hired for graduating exercises of Charles Sumner School.

Ordered, That the Knights of Honor Hall in West Roxbury be hired for the graduating exercises of the Charles Sumner School.

Report of Committee on School Houses; improvement in ventilation of Dorchester-Everett School-house.

[See page 123.]

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — May 13 — an order relating to the improvement in the ventilation of the Dorchester-Everett School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to improve the ventilation of the Edward Everett School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; improvements in sanitary condi-

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 22 — an order concerning improvements in the sanitary condition and ventilation of the

West Concord-street School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

tion and ventilation of West Concord-street School-house. [See page 103.]

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make improvements in the sanitary condition and in the ventilation of the West Concord-street School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 13 — an order relating to repairs in the Dearborn School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of the Committee on School Houses; repairs in Dearborn School-house. [See page 124.]

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make the necessary repairs in the Dearborn School-house, during the coming vacation, viz.: paint the outside woodwork; paint the fences; grade and repave the yard; repair the gutters and water-pipes; put up new curtains where needed; and whitewash the out-buildings.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to sell the old dwelling-house on Green street, corner of Cheshire street, on the lot recently bought for a new Grammar School-house in the Hillside District; also the old school building on Glen Road, Jamaica Plain, on the lot recently bought for a new Primary School-house.

Sale of dwelling-house, Green st., cor. Cheshire st., also school building on Glen Road, Jamaica Plain.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to repair the Hancock School-house, the City Council having appropriated $9,500 for that purpose.

Repairs on Hancock School-house.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Enlarging of Florence-street Primary School-house, Roslindale.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to enlarge the Florence-street Primary School-house, Roslindale, the City Council having appropriated $20,000 for that purpose.

Report of the Committee on School-Houses; communication from City Council; ventilation of Hancock School-house; notice from State Inspector of Buildings. [See pp. 113, 114.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, submitted the following report: —

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — May 13 — the communication from the City Council, referring to the School Committee the communication from the State Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings, notifying the city "that further and different means of ventilation than those now provided are required in said building, in order to conform to the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1888," and directing the city "to provide better and additional means of ventilation in said building," respectfully submit the following report: —

By the Act of 1875, reorganizing the School Committee of the City of Boston, the janitors and the care of the school-houses was placed in the hands of the School Committee. The law further provided that no contract for the purchase or lease of land, or for the erection, purchase, or lease of any building, or for any addition to or alteration of any building for school purposes, should be authorized by the City Council until the School Committee had made a statement in writing to the City Council of the necessity therefor; nor until the locality and plans for the same had been approved by the School Committee, or a sub-committee thereof duly authorized to approve the same.

The appropriation for new school-houses and for repairs and alterations of other school buildings was placed in the hands of the Public Building Department of the City Council, who were responsible for the expenditure thereof, the School Board having no authority over this appropriation. The School Board could only request that certain repairs be made and that new school buildings be erected, the erection of the buildings and the repairs and alterations being left to the sole authority of the Department of Public Buildings.

The Committee take this opportunity to testify to the uniform courteous consideration paid to the requests of the School Board by the present Superintendent of Public Buildings.

That the School Committee has not been negligent or unmindful

of the wants and needs of the pupils, and that they have always manifested a proper and diligent care for the sanitary condition of our school buildings, the numerous reports and requests for proper school accommodations and for improvements in the sanitary condition of our school buildings furnish abundant and irrefutable testimony.

In 1889 the following Act was passed by the Legislature: —

[ACTS AND RESOLVES, 1889.]

CHAPTER 297.

AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE POWERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows: —

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter two hundred and forty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hunded and seventy-five is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor: *Section 6.* The school committee shall have full power and authority to order to be made on the school buildings any additions, alterations, and repairs for school purposes, which it deems to be necessary; to provide temporary accommodations for school purposes; to select, bond, and purchase the land required for school buildings and their yards; to fix finally and conclusively the plans for school buildings to be erected; provided that nothing herein shall authorize said school committee in behalf of the city of Boston, to expend or contract to expend for said purposes any money in excess of the amount previously appropriated therefor.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 3, 1889.

Since the passage of this Act it has been supposed by many that the powers of the School Committee have been very greatly increased. But let us see how and in what particulars the new law has affected the former relations between the City Council and the School Board. The School Committee can ask for appropriations to purchase land and to erect and repair the school buildings, and *when the money is appropriated* land can be purchased and school-houses erected and improved.

The real authority rests where it must rest, in the body which has the power to appropriate money, — in this instance in the City Council. We do not mean to infer that the power to appropriate money is wrongly placed, as we believe this power is properly and rightly vested in the City Council. But it is our wish to dispel any wrong impression that has arisen or may arise with regard to the

power and responsibility of the School Board in relation to school buildings.

The powers of the School Board have been, and we think properly, increased by the new law, but not to any extraordinary degree.

Last year [March, 1889] the School Board received several official notices from the State Inspector of Buildings, relating to improved sanitary conditions and means of ventilation in several of the public school buildings in this city. These notices were respectfully referred to the City Council. This was before the law above quoted was passed. Similar notices were served on the Mayor, and by him transmitted to the City Council. The Superintendent of Public Buildings asked for an appropriation of $400,000 for extraordinary repairs of school-houses, $100,000 of which amount was asked for the specific purpose of improving the ventilation of the school-houses; but the above-mentioned amounts were not appropriated by the City Council. In March, 1889, the School Committee, being convinced that the sanitary condition of some of the school buildings needed to be improved, passed an order requesting the City Council "to increase the ordinary appropriations for the department of public buildings for the financial year 1889–90, by a special appropriation of $50,000, to be devoted, during that year, to sanitary improvements in the public schools," but the City Council did not grant any money for this purpose.

The present year the Superintendent of Public Buildings, by the advice of the School Committee, asked for a large amount for sanitary improvements in school-houses. The City Council has granted no appropriation for said purpose.

In 1889 the City Council requested the Board of Health to examine the school-houses of the city, and report their sanitary condition to the press. In their report the Board of Health reported that they had examined 163 school-houses. They state that "in all cases where defects were found, the Superintendent of Public Buildings was notified, as usual, and on reëxamination the repairs were found to have been made in most instances."

With regard to the Hancock School-house, mentioned in the notice of the State Inspector, your committee are of the opinion that no further legislation is needed, as there is an unexpended balance of an appropriation granted for repairs and improvements in that building, a part of which it is intended shall be devoted to improving the ventilation of the building, plans for the same now being in preparation.

The committee have given this long explanation with no thought to criticise others, but for the purpose of stating the present position

and power of the School Committee in regard to repairs, etc., of school buildings, and to prevent any future misunderstanding.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL B. CAPEN,

Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be transmitted to the City Council.

Committee on Text-Books to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be authorized to report in print.

Annual Report of the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, presented the annual report of that committee in print (School Document No. 12, 1890).

The following orders were appended to the report: —

Ordered, That the list of authorized text and reference books and supplementary reading-books, as printed in School Document No. 6, 1890, be authorized for use as text-books, reference-books, and supplementary reading-books in the Boston Public Schools, as specified in said School Document No. 6, 1890, until otherwise ordered.

Ordered, That Brandt's German Reader and La Neuvaine de Collette be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin and High Schools.

Ordered, That Metcalf's Language Lessons be authorized for use as a text-book in the fourth and fifth classes of the Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That Posse's Swedish System of Gymnastics be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools.

Accepted, and the orders were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary due Annie M. Hotchkiss.

Ordered, That the salary due Annie M. Hotchkiss, deceased, late third assistant in the Bennett District, be paid to her sister, Louise L. Hotchkiss.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Payment of salary due Ettie L. Deuel.

Ordered, That the salary due Ettie L. Deuel, deceased, late third assistant in the Hyde District, be paid to her father, Aratus M. Deuel.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Committee on Accounts authorized to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to report in print, and that eight hundred copies of the report be printed.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, presented the following report: —

Report of the Committee on Accounts; repairs of school-houses. [See page 122.]

The Committee on Accounts, to whom were referred — May 13, 1890 — orders to the effect that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to make repairs, purchase furniture, employ such assistants as may be needed, and do whatever may be necessary to keep the school property in proper condition for the current year, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred and twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ($228,500), and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for payment of all amounts incurred as above authorized, respectfully report that, after careful consideration of the matter, they recommend the passage of the following order as a substitute for the orders referred to them: —

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to transfer from the appropriation for 1890–91, — one million nine hundred nineteen thousand two hundred dollars ($1,919,200), — granted the School Committee, the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ($228,500), to an appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings, the same to be used for furniture, alterations, and repairs of school buildings, under the direction and upon the draft of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

For the Committee,

GEORGE R. SWASEY,
Chairman.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Winship presented the following petition: —

To the School Committee of Boston :—

We, the undersigned, citizens of Ward 25, learning that a movement is making in the City Council to sell or dispose of a lot of land on Cambridge street, in Brighton, containing about 165,000 feet, well known as the "Pumping Station," and adjoining the former estate of Mr. Henry B. Goodenough, and believing that the necessities of this community will soon require the occupation of land at or near this very spot for school purposes, do hereby earnestly beseech your honorable body to make immediate examination of the advantages to be gained by holding this piece of land for such purpose, and to take immediate steps to have it reserved to that end.

Petition for school lot in Brighton.

J. P. C. WINSHIP,
And thirteen others.

Referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Mr. Fallon presented a minority report of the Committee on Text-Books, which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, the Board adjourned.

Attest :

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 10, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Misses Hastings and Pingree and Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, May 15, 1890.

Communication from Common Council; halls in Primary School-houses.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the Common Council, whether, in their opinion, there is any necessity for having a hall in either of the proposed Primary School-buildings, — Lanson and Sumner streets, Ward 2, and Cumberland and St. Botolph streets, Ward 11, — and, if necessary, to report the reasons therefor.

Passed in Common Council, June 5, 1890.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Girls' High School. — Helen D. Baright, special teacher of physical culture, Sept. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Charles Sumner District. — Josephine W. Greenlaw, from May 12, 1890.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Annie W. Clark, from April 21, 1890.

Lowell District. — Mary P. Crosby, from May 5, 1890.

Quincy District. — Katharine A. Regan, from May 19, 1890. Mary N. Regan, from June 2, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Latin School. — C. Howard Wilson, junior-master, from June 12, 1890.

Adams District. — Emeline W. Ripley, third assistant, from June 4, 1890.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, fourth assistant, from June 5, 1890.

Dearborn District. — Helen Doherty, third assistant, from June 4, 1890.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from June 4, 1890.

Emerson District. — Helen A. Melrose, third assistant, from June 18, 1890.

Hancock District. — Mary Colesworthy, third assistant, from April 14, 1890. Jane C. Levi, third assistant, from May 12, 1890. Blanche S. Jacobs, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1890. Emma L. Mitchell, fourth assistant, from May 12, 1890.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Esther E. McGrath, third assistant, from June 10, 1890.

Lawrence District. — Winifred M. Clarkson, third assistant, from May 5, 1890.

Lyman District. — Emma M. Bates, fourth assistant, from June 4, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bennett District. — Rose S. Havey, third assistant, from June 2, 1890. Election of teachers on probation.

Mt. Vernon District. — Marian A. McIntyre, third assistant, from June 2, 1890.

Quincy District. — Abbie E. Batchelder, fourth assistant, from March 3, 1890.

Quincy-street Kindergarten. — Gertrude A. Rausch, assistant, from April 29, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

North Margin-street Kindergarten. — Marian T. Morse, assistant. Confirmation of teacher.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Brighton High School. — Ida M. Curtis, assistant, until Nov. 1, 1890; Almira Bixby, substitute. Ida M. Curtis.

East Boston High School. — Kate W. Cushing, assistant, until Dec. 1, 1890. Kate W. Cushing.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Physical Training, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — a communication from the City Council relative to enlarging the gymnasium of the English High and Latin Schools, reported that the appropriations of the present year have been granted by the City Council. Your committee understand that arrangements have been made to provide that all pupils Report of Committee on Physical Training, gymnasium in English High and Latin Schools. [See page 31.]

in the English High and Latin Schools shall have an opportunity to use the gymnasium in their building.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Physical Training; communication from City Council; gymnasiums for Grammar Schools, [See pp. 31, 32.]

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 11 — a communication from the City Council relative to providing suitable gymnasiums for all the Grammar and High Schools in the city, reported that, as arrangements are now being made to introduce gymnastics into all the schools of the city, it is not deemed advisable at the present time to recommend the appropriation of the large sum which would be required for providing suitable gymnasiums in all the school-houses in the city. The committee, however, think it desirable that, as new buildings are erected, some provision be made for special instruction in gymnastics. They, therefore, recommend that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That in all new school-houses gymnasiums be provided.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Mowry presented the following petition: —

THE HARVARD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF DORCHESTER,
MAY 29, 1890.

Communication from Harvard Improvement Association; new school-house in the Gibson District.

To the Honorable School Board of Boston: —

The Harvard Improvement Association of Dorchester, representing the Gibson School District, respectfully call attention to the pressing demand for better school facilities in the district. Two of the school buildings are old, and are not constructed with any reference to modern methods of education. The only good building in the district was built for a Primary School, and is totally unfit for a Grammar School, but has to be used as such. Not only are our children deprived of advantages accorded to scholars in other sections, but are crowded into school buildings without drainage or proper ventilation. The seating accommodations are entirely inadequate to present demands, and the population is very rapidly increasing. We

urgently request that action be taken, a desirable site be secured, and plans formulated for a modern school-house in the Gibson District. Very respectfully, for the Association,

C. A. YOUNG,
President.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report of Committee on Supplies; abstract of proceedings of Board in newspaper. [See pp. 61, 123, 124.]

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — May 13, 1890 — an order that they consider the expediency of expending a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars ($600) a year to defray the expenses of publishing an abstract of the proceedings of this Board in one or more newspapers of this city, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the expenditure, under the direction of this committee, of a sum not exceeding at the rate of five hundred dollars ($500) per annum, from Sept. 1, 1890, for the purpose proposed, until otherwise ordered by the Board.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises of the Adams School.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Adams School be held Monday, June 23, 1890.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, offered the following orders: —

Rescinding of order granting Joshua Bates School-house for vacation school. [See page 124.]

Ordered, That the order passed May 13 (page 124 of the Minutes), granting to the South End Vacation School Committee the use of the Joshua Bates school-house, be rescinded.

Granting of Rutland-street School-house for vacation school.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Mrs. J. W. Andrews, in behalf of the South End Vacation School Committee, to use the Rutland-street School-house for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

The orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Repairs in heating-apparatus in Bennett Grammar School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make the necessary repairs in the heating-apparatus of the Bennett Grammar School-house and the annex.

Report of Committee on School Houses; larger-sized desks in Martin School-house. [See page 129.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 27 — an order concerning desks in the Martin School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place larger-sized desks with lids in the second-class room of the Martin School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Use of school-houses for Fourth of July entertainments.

Ordered, That the use of the following-named school-houses be granted to the City Council for children's entertainments, July 4th: Emerson, George Putnam, Sherwin, Mather (Dorchester), Minot, Frothingham, Hugh O'Brien, Hancock, Wells, Phillips, English High School Drill Hall.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Flags on school-houses; display of, on June 17 and July 4.

Ordered, That the janitors of school-houses where flag-staffs are located, be authorized to display flags on June 17 and July 4.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Manual training; Eliot High School, West Roxbury.

Ordered, That the Committee on Manual Training Schools be authorized to make arrangements with the trustees of the Eliot High School, West Roxbury, with regard to instruction in manual training.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following: —

Ordered, That, for the present year, committees in charge be and hereby are authorized to determine which schools, if any, shall hold graduating exercises on Monday, June 23; and which schools, if any, shall omit the graduating exercises.

Schools which are to hold graduating exercises on Monday, June 23.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following: —

Ordered, That the School Board authorize the use of the yard of the Minot School-house for a band concert on the evening of July 10, 1890.

Use of yard of Minot School-house for a band concert.

Referred to the Committee of School Houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Ordered, That the School Board authorize the establishment of a Kindergarten in the George Putnam District.

Establishment of a Kindergarten in the George Putnam District.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — March 11 — an order that the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) for gymnastic apparatus for the Brighton High School, reported, that in their opinion the amount requested should be taken from the appropriation granted the School Committee. This committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order: —

Report of Committee on Accounts; appropriation for gymnastic apparatus for Brighton High School. [See page 75.]

Ordered, That an expenditure not exceeding two hundred dollars be authorized for gymnastic apparatus for the Brighton High School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, presented the annual report of the Committee on Accounts, in print (School Doc. 10, 1890), which was accepted.

Annual report of the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Emery, it was

Printing of synopsis of instruction in modern languages.

Ordered, That the synopsis of the instruction in modern languages in High Schools be printed as a school document, and that six hundred copies of the same be printed.

Annual report of Committee on Text-Books. [See page 135.]

On motion of Mr. Green, the following orders appended to the annual report of the Committee on Text-Books (School Doc. 12, 1890) were taken from the table.

Ordered, That the list of authorized text and reference books and supplementary reading-books, as printed in School Doc. No. 6, 1890, be authorized for use as text-books, reference-books, and supplementary reading-books in the Boston Public Schools, as specified in said School Doc. No. 6, 1890, until otherwise ordered.

Ordered, That Brandt's German Reader and La Nervaine de Collette be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin and High Schools.

Ordered, That Metcalf's Language Lessons be authorized for use as a text-book in the fourth and fifth classes of the Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That Posse's Swedish System of Gymnastics be authorized for use as a reference-book in the Grammar Schools.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the first order was amended by striking out the words in School Doc. No. 6, 1890, "Anderson's New General History," on page 5 of said document.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The first order, as amended, passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. W. S. Allen, Capen, Daniels, Elliott, Emery, Fallon, Green, Humphreys, Mecuen, Mowry, Packard,

Pettigrove, Schindler, Swasey, Whittemore, and Winship. — 19.

Nays: None.

Absent: Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, and O'Grady.

The second order passed unanimously, 19 members voting in the affirmative.

The third order passed unanimously, 19 members voting in the affirmative.

The fourth order passed unanimously, 19 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That Bradbury and Emery's Academic Algebra be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools, in place of Bradbury's Eaton's Algebra. Text-book in algebra.

Ordered, That Seymour's School Iliad be authorized for use as a text-book in the Girls' Latin School. Text-book in Greek.

Ordered, That Marcillac's Manuel d'Histoire de la Littérature Française be authorized for use as a text-book in the fourth-year classes of the High Schools. Text-book in French.

The orders were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Green, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Text-Books, on the subject of text-books in history for High Schools, were taken from the table. Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee on Text-Books, text-books in history. [See pp. 29, 30, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 64, 65, 66, 105, 119, 120, 137.]

Mr. Fallon moved that both reports be accepted.

The Chair ruled, that, if both reports were accepted, the action would be on the recommendation in the majority report.

Mr. Fallon's motion was lost.

Mr. Green moved the passage of the order recommended in the majority report.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order, until the majority report had been accepted.

On motion of Mr. Green, the majority report was accepted.

Mr. Swasey moved that the minority report be accepted.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

On motion of Mr. Pettigrove, the vote whereby the majority report was accepted was reconsidered.

Mr. Fallon moved to substitute the minority report for the majority report.

Lost.

Mr. Emery moved that the majority report be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Packard, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The majority report was accepted by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. W. S. Allen, Capen, Daniels, Elliott, Emery, Green, Humphreys, Meenen, Mowry, Packard, Pettigrove, Schindler, Whittemore, and Winship. — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Fallon and Swasey. — 2.

Absent: Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, and O'Grady.

Mr. Green moved the passage of the order recommended by the majority of the committee: —

Ordered, That Myers's General History and Sheldon's General History be authorized as text-books in the High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Pettigrove, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. W. S. Allen, Capen, Daniels, Elliott, Emery, Green, Humphreys, Meenen, Mowry, Packard, Pettigrove, Schindler, Whittemore, and Winship. — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Fallon and Swasey. — 2.

Absent: Misses Hastings and Pingree, Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the second order appended to the minority report of the Committee on Text-Books (see page 64) was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make the necessary repairs in the Smith-street School-house, Roxbury.

Repairs of Smith-street School house, Roxbury.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Humphreys, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make the necessary repairs in the Lewis School-house, during the coming summer vacation.

Repairs in the Lewis School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the use of the King-street School-house be granted to William C. Williams, for a vacation school, during the months of July and August; the same to be without expense to the city.

Use of King street School house for vacation school.

Mr. Humphreys offered the following: —

Ordered, That the public schools be opened, after the summer vacation this year, on Monday, September 8.

Opening of public schools in September.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Ordered, That the graduates of the Normal, Latin, and High Schools be excused from attending at the Annual School Festival this year.

Graduates of Normal, Latin, and High Schools excused from School Festival.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

Closing and reopening of Schools of Cookery.

Ordered, That, for the present year, the Schools of Cookery be closed Friday, June 20, and that they be reopened Monday, September 15.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries; increase of salary of special assistants, Primary Schools. [See page 124.]

Mr. Whittemore, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — May 13 — an order that this committee be requested to consider and report upon the expediency of increasing the salary of special assistants, Primary Schools, reported that, while the committee are of the opinion that there are very strong reasons for the increase of the salary of this grade of teachers, yet the law provides that "The salaries established at the commencement of each school year shall not be increased during such year." The committee, therefore, are obliged to report that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Whittemore, for the same committee, it was

Salary of clerk in Superintendent's office.

Ordered, That the salary of the clerk in the superintendent's office be fixed at the rate of seven hundred and twenty dollars ($720) per annum, to date from April 1, 1890.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary McSkimmon. [See page 129.]

Mr. Whittemore, for the same committee, to whom was referred—May 27—an order that Mary McSkimmon, first assistant in the Dudley District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from June 1, 1890, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on the Revision of the Courses of Study, it was

Committee on Revision to report revised courses of study in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Revision of Courses of Study be authorized to report the revised courses of study in print.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Physical Training, submitted a report, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Physical Training.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Caroline E. Hastings.

MR. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER: —

DEAR SIR, — I regret to state that serious impairment of my health compels me to be absent from Boston for a number of weeks, and I shall therefore be unable to attend the remaining sessions of the School Committee for the present season.

Sincerely yours,

CAROLINE E. HASTINGS,

Per J. M. P.

JAFFREY, N.H., June 8, 1890.

Placed on file.

Communication from Bell J. Dunham; rumored charges against her.

The Chair presented a communication from Bell J. Dunham, a teacher, concerning rumored charges against her.

Referred to Committee on Seventh Division.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from masters of Grammar Schools; salaries of sewing teachers.

To the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston: —

We, the undersigned, masters of the public schools in which sewing is taught, respectfully present to you the following statement and petition: —

1. That the results achieved in the above-mentioned branch have been owing to the active interest and persistent effort of a portion of the sewing teachers, who were in full sympathy with the Committee on Industrial Education, and of the masters who believed in this knowledge and training.

2. That the carrying on of this work, and what has followed it into the upper classes, — the drafting and cutting of garments, including dresses — has consumed time and strength, and called for power beyond what the lower classes have called for. That, in the matter of instructing the first class, the drafting, the preparation for cutting, and the fitting have called for time far beyond the allotted hour in the necessary care in such instruction, and the caution to prevent waste of material. That the Committee and the community have declared this work not now an experiment, but an assured success, and by it some of the young women of Boston have been near to knowing a trade.

We, therefore, respectfully ask, in view of this added time and necessary power to do this grade of work, that the sewing teachers thus instructing the first and second classes shall be paid for three hours' work for one given to the first class as a body, and for two hours for the one given to the second class as a body; but that the sum of a sewing teacher's pay shall not exceed the pay of a third assistant at full salary. We beg also to represent to you that we believe this action will be a stimulus in industrial education, and a fitting reward to a few prominent sewing teachers, and but a trifle of cost to the city.

H. C. HARDON,
and eight other masters.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 24, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Misses Hastings and Pingree, and Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, Elliott, O'Grady, and Pettigrove.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 9, 1890.

Communication from City Council; appropriations for repairs and alterations of school-houses. [See page 122.]

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to transfer the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars from the appropriation for School Committee to the appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings, and the same is hereby appropriated for the repairs and alterations of school-houses, and the supply and repairs of furniture belonging to the same, to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and the said Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby authorized to draw upon the City Auditor in payment of all amounts incurred as above authorized.

Passed. Yeas 9, nays none. Sent down for concurrence.

June 12, came up concurred. Yeas 53, nays none. Approved by the Mayor, June 13, 1890.

A true copy.

Attest:

EDWIN U. CURTIS,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; gymnasiums in school-houses.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 23, 1890.

Ordered, That, in the opinion of the City Council, it is desirable to have gymnasiums for the use of pupils in all the Grammar and High Schools in the city of Boston, and that the City Council respectfully requests the School Committee to instruct the City Architect to provide rooms for gymnasium apparatus in all plans of Grammar and High School-houses hereafter drawn by him.

Referred to the Committee on Schools, etc.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 5, 1890.

The Committee on Schools and School Houses, to whom was referred by the Common Council the order in regard to establishing gymnasiums in connection with new school-houses, respectfully recommend reference of the same to the School Committee, with the request that they consider and report to the City Council as to the advisability of carrying out the provisions of said order.

For the Committee,
HORACE G. ALLEN,

Accepted, and referred accordingly. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 9.

Concurred.
A true copy.
Attest:
JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; communication from Board of Health relative to sanitary condition of school-houses; petition of D. S. Corcoran for new Grammar School in Brighton.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, June 5, 1890.

The Committee on Schools and School Houses, to whom was referred by the Common Council the communication from the Board of Health relative to the sanitary condition of certain school buildings, and the petition of D. S. Corcoran *et als.* for a new Grammar School in Brighton, respectfully recommend reference of the same to the School Committee.

For the Committee,
HORACE G. ALLEN.

Accepted, and referred accordingly. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, June 9.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

The communication and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the following: —

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
MASON ST., June 24, 1890.

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; approved lists of teachers for promotion.

HON. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, *President School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I respectfully inform the School Committee that the approved lists of sub-masters, second and third assistants of the Grammar Schools, and fourth assistants of the Primary Schools, who are best fitted for promotion, have been prepared as required by Section 184 of the Regulations, and are now on file in the Supervisors' office, and open to the inspection of the members of the School Committee.

Respectfully yours,
EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Schools.

Placed on file.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Mary A. Eaton, first assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Frothingham District. — James W. Webster, first assistant, July 1, 1890. Bial W. Willard, second assistant, Sept. 8, 1890. Sarah H. Nowell, third assistant, Sept. 8, 1890. Ellen L. Kelley, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1890. Helen E. Ramsay, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Harvard District. — Alice T. Smith, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

John A. Andrew District. — Bessie H. Chapin, third assistant, Sept. 8, 1890.

Pierce District. — Agnes B. Hudson, fourth assistant, Sept. 8, 1890.

Rice Training School. — Harriet H. Norcross, second assistant, Sept. 8, 1890. Ella F. Wyman, second assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1890.

Quincy-street Kindergarten. — Ellen L. Sampson, assistant, June 2, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Normal School. — Laura Fisher, special teacher of kindergarten methods, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Bunker Hill District. — Harriet H. Norcross, first assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Frothingham District. — Bial W. Willard, first assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890. Sarah H. Nowell, second assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890. Florence I. Morse, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Harvard District. — Myra F. Towle, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Rice Training School. — Bessie H. Chapin, second assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890. Agnes B. Hudson, second assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Quincy-street Kindergarten. — Ellen L. Sampson, principal, from June 2, 1890.

Manual Training School. — Frank M. Leavitt, instructor, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Gaston District. — Isabella J. Murray, fourth assistant.

John A. Andrew District. — Edgar L. Raub, submaster.

Mount Vernon District. — Mary C. Moller, fourth assistant.

Phillips District. — Katharine A. Burns, third assistant.

Wells District. — Mabel A. English, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of principals of Evening Schools.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of the Evening Schools for the term 1890–91; the term of service of principals herein nominated to date from Sept. 29, 1890.

Evening High School. — Isaac F. Paul, Head-master.

Bigelow School. — George Oak.

Allston School. — G. W. M. Hall.

Comins School. — Augustine L. Rafter.

Dearborn School. — Henry B. Hall.

Eliot School. — Harvey L. Boutwell.

Franklin School. — William H. Martin.

Hancock School. — Julius A. Weigmann.

Lincoln School. — Alonzo G. Ham.

Lyman School. — Lewis H. Dutton.

Phillips School. — John R. Morse.

Quincy School. — Seth P. Smith.

Sherwin School. — Moses Berger.

Wells School. — Charles E. Hussey.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the Board proceeded to ballot for principals of Evening Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Swasey, and W. S. Allen a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Ballot.

The Committee, having attended to their duty, re-

ported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Principals of Evening Schools elected.

The several principals nominated by the committee had each 17 votes, and accordingly were declared elected principals of the designated Evening Schools.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence until April 1, 1891, was granted to the following-named teachers, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

William B. Snow.

English High School. — William B. Snow, junior-master.

Harriet E. Caryl.

Girls' High School. — Harriet E. Caryl, assistant principal; Florence Dix, substitute.

Emily Weeks.

Roxbury High School. — Emily Weeks, first assistant.

Report of Committee on Revision of Courses of Study; revised course of study for Primary Schools. [See page 150.]

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on Revision of the Courses of Study, presented the revised course of study for the Primary Schools, in print, and moved that the same be adopted, to take effect Sept. 1, 1890.

Rules suspended.

The report was accepted, the rules were suspended, and the revised course of study for Primary Schools was adopted, to take effect Sept. 1, 1890.

Mr. Schindler, for the Committee on Revision of the Courses of Study, offered the following: —

Grammar School course of study; modifications of the plan of study.

Ordered, That during the next school-year, while the course of study for the Grammar Schools is under revision, the studies and exercises and the time assigned these, in the Grammar Schools, be the same as are specified in the "Tabular View," on page 11, School Document No. 8, 1890, — with the following exceptions: —

(*a*) The course of study in United States History shall end as now with the second class.

(*b*) The first class shall give three hours a week to Geography the first half-year, and three hours a week to

readings from History and to the Civil Government of the United States the second half-year.

(*c*) The two hours a week assigned to Manual Training and not used therefor shall be distributed as follows: —

CLASS 6. To Elementary Science, one-half hour; to Oral and Written Exercises, one-half hour; to Reading, one-half hour; to Physical Training, one-half hour.

CLASS 5. To Elementary Science, one-half hour; to Oral and Written Exercises, one-half hour; to Reading, one-half hour; to Physical Training, one-half hour.

CLASS 4. To Elementary Science, one-half hour; to Reading, one-half hour; to Geography, one-half hour; to Physical Training, one-half hour.

CLASS 3. To Oral and Written Exercises, one-half hour; to History, one-half hour; to Reading, one-half hour; to Physical Training, one-half hour.

CLASS 2. To Oral and Written Exercises, one-half hour; to History, one-half hour; to Reading, one-half hour; to Physical Training, one-half hour.

CLASS 1. To Elementary Science, one-half hour; to Geography, one-half hour; to History and Civil Government, one-half hour; to Physical Training, one-half hour.

Ordered, That during the next school-year the present Grammar School course of study, in the topics and in the order of topics under the several subjects, be followed, and — so far as the time assigned under the new schedule will allow — be completed.

The orders passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Examination of pupils in first classes of Grammar Schools for diplomas; amendment of Regulations proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to report the necessary amendments to the Rules and Regulations, so as to provide

1. That all members of the first classes in the Grammar Schools shall be allowed to take the examination for diplomas.

2. That no pupil in a first class shall be removed to a lower class without the consent of the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Examination of students of Kindergartening, Normal School.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized and directed to examine the students of Kindergartening now in the Normal School, and to issue certificates of qualification, special grade, to such of them as are found qualified, making them eligible for appointment as assistants in kindergartens.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Repairs in Mather School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to put in a new partition in the hall of the Mather School-house, and change the desks as required.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Rooms fitted up in basements of Pierce and Bailey-st. School-houses.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up rooms in the basements of the Pierce and Bailey-street School-houses.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to paint, clean, and otherwise put in order the old Gibson School-house, School street.

Repairs in old Gibson School-house, School street.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, reported the death of Mary J. Pope, late fourth assistant in the Minot District.

Death of Mary J. Pope.

Placed on file.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of the late Mary J. Pope, for the rest of the year, be paid to her nearest relative.

Payment of salary due Mary J. Pope.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — June 10 — an order concerning repairs in the Lewis School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on School Houses; repairs in Lewis School-house. [See page 149.]

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make the necessary repairs in the Lewis School-house during the coming summer vacation.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 10 — an order concerning repairs in the Smith-street School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Repairs in Smith street School-house. [See page 149.]

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to make the necessary repairs in the Smith-street School-house, Roxbury.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) for the enlargement of the Clinch School-house.

Appropriation for enlargement of Clinch School-house.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for enlargement of Mather Grammar School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) for the enlargement of the Mather Grammar School-house.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for enlargement of yard of John A. Andrew School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars ($1,600) for the enlargement of the yard of the John A. Andrew School-house.

On motion of Mr. Capen it was

Use of Starr King School-house for a vacation school.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Mrs. J. W. Andrews, in behalf of the South End Vacation School Committee, to use the Starr King School-house on Tennyson street for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Frank M. Leavitt.

Ordered, That the salary of Frank M. Leavitt, instructor in manual training, be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) per annum.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Gift of pedagogical library of the late John D. Philbrick to Boston Normal School, by Mrs. Mary Hemenway.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on the Normal School, presented the following: —

Dr. Larkin Dunton, *Boston Normal School*: —

Dear Sir, — I take pleasure in presenting to the Boston Normal School the pedagogical library of the late John D. Philbrick. I wish you to accept and preserve it as a memorial of his labors in the cause of public instruction. Believe me,

Yours very truly,

MARY HEMENWAY.

40 Mt. Vernon St., June 18, 1890.

Placed on file.

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the thanks of the School Board be extended to Mrs. Mary Hemenway for her generous gift to the Normal School of the pedagogical library of the late John D. Philbrick.

Vote of thanks to Mrs. Mary Hemenway.

Passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to supply some book-shelves for the Philbrick Library.

Book-shelves for Philbrick library, Normal School.

Mr. Mowry, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the head-master of the Normal School be allowed to expend one hundred dollars ($100) a year in books for the library of said school, until otherwise ordered.

One hundred dollars a year to be expended on Normal School library.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the boundaries of the Chapman District be as follows: Beginning at Mystic river, and running easterly by the centre of Central square and Bennington street to Brooks street; by the centre of Brooks street to Princeton street; by the centre of Princeton street to Putnam street; by the centre of Putnam street to Chelsea creek, and thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Boundary lines of Chapman District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the boundaries of the Emerson District be as follows: All that portion of East Boston

Boundary lines of Emerson District.

lying easterly of a line commencing at Chelsea cree and running by the centre of Putnam street to Princeton street; thence by the centre of Princeton street t Brooks street; thence by the centre of Brooks street t Bennington street; thence by the centre of Benningtor street to Marion street; thence by the centre of Mario street to the shore of Boston harbor.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Two junior-masters, Roxbury High School.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on High Schools offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Roxbury High School be allowe two junior-masters.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Green, the orders presented by th Committee on Text-Books (see page 147) were take from the table.

Text-book in algebra. [See page 147.]

Ordered, That Bradbury and Emery's Academic A gebra be authorized for use as a text-book in the Lati Schools, in place of Bradbury's Eaton's Algebra.

Passed, 16 members voting in the affirmative.

Text-book in Greek. [See page 147.]

Ordered, That Seymour's School Iliad be authorize for use as a text-book in the Girls' Latin School.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

Text-book in French. [See page 147.]

Ordered, That Marcillac's Manuel d'Histoire de l Littérature Française be authorized for use as a tex book in the fourth-year classes of the High Schools.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, offere the following: —

Books added to list of supplementary reading-books.

Ordered, That the following-named books be adde to the list of authorized supplementary readin books: —

Grammar Schools. — Circulating Supplementa Reading: The Crofton Boys; Black Beaut

The King of the Golden River; Book of Folk Stories; Water Babies; Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales, first and second series; The Lady of the Lake; Towle's Heroes and Martyrs of Invention; Wright's Nature Readers, Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Ordered, That Gilman's Historical Readers, Vols. 1, 2, and 3, be transferred from the list of circulating supplementary reading-books to the authorized list of permanent supplementary reading-books in the Grammar Schools.

Transfer from list of circulating, to permanent, supplementary reading-books.

The orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the report of the Committee on Physical Training, School Document No. 15, 1890, was taken from the table and accepted.

Report of Committee on Physical Training. [See page 151.]

The following orders were appended to the report: —

(1.) *Ordered*, That the Ling or Swedish system of educational gymnastics be introduced into all the public schools of this city.

(2.) *Ordered*, That the appointment of one director of physical training, and four assistants, be authorized.

(3.) *Ordered*, That the salary of the director of physical training be $2,640 a year, and that the salary of each assistant be $1,080 a year.

The first order passed.

Mr. Mowry moved to substitute the following order for the second and third orders in the report: —

Ordered, That a director of physical training and one or more assistants be employed, the total salaries for the same not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) per annum, and that the Committee on Physical Training be authorized to nominate suitable persons for these positions, to commence at the beginning of the next school term.

Mr. Whittemore moved to amend the substitute order

so as to provide that a director of physical training be employed at a salary not exceeding three thousand dollars.

Mr. Allen moved to amend Mr. Whittemore's motion by striking out all that relates to the salary of the director of physical training.

Mr. Allen's motion was lost.

Mr. Whittemore's motion was lost by a vote of 6 to 9.

Mr. Mowry's motion to substitute his order for the second and third orders in the report passed.

The Chair ruled that it would require a suspension of the rules to pass the order.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended, three-fourths of the members present voting therefor.

The substitute order was then passed.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Reservation of pumping-station lot, Brighton, for school purposes.

Ordered, That, inasmuch as citizens of Brighton have petitioned for a reservation of the pumping-station lot, or a portion of it, for school purposes, the City Council be respectfully requested to delay action in regard to the sale of the same, until interested parties can be heard, and this Board takes final action.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Repairs in Ingraham, Cushman, and Hancock School-houses.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to tint the walls and paint the woodwork in the Ingraham School-house; to make the necessary repairs and furnish needed furniture for the Cushman School-house; to repair the Hancock School house and place electric bells in the building.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Green offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to prepare and distribute to all teachers having charge of rooms, a brief summary of definite instructions with reference to the teaching of good manners, as provided in Section 4 of School Document No. 8; and that the Supervisors be further requested to pay especial attention to the preparation of explicit instructions in regard to the behavior of pupils in the streets and all public places.

Summary of instructions with reference to teaching of good manners.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — June 10 — the communication of Bell J. Dunham, concerning rumored charges against her, reported that they have not considered that any charges had been made against Miss Dunham; and, in reply to a letter from her, the committee informed her that there were no charges against her. In the minds of this committee, no charges having been made, no charges have been withdrawn or dismissed.

Report of Committee on Seventh Division; communication of Bell J. Dunham; rumored charges against her. [See page 151.]

Your committee understand that the Rules provide but one time in the year to decide upon placing teachers on tenure of office, and that is at the annual canvass of teachers in February. Your committee, therefore, cannot, in their opinion, act upon the question of placing a teacher upon tenure until the next annual canvass of teachers.

Your committee report that no further action in this matter is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. Fallon presented his resignation as a member of the School Committee.

Resignation of J. D. Fallon as a member of the School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the resignation was received and placed on file.

Mr. Emery offered the following: —

Resolution; protest against statements of Joseph D. Fallon.

Resolved, That this School Board resents with indignation the false position and ground taken by Joseph D. Fallon, a member of this Board, in tendering his resignation, and enters its emphatic protest against the slanderous reflections upon his associates, and their action during the past year and a half.

Passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Whittemore, for the Committee on Revision of Courses of Study, it was

Edition of revised course of study for Primary Schools.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the revised course of study for Primary Schools be printed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

One thousand additional copies of Doc. No. 15, 1890.

Ordered, That one thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee on Physical Training (School Document No. 15, 1890) be printed.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 9, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Misses Hastings and Pingree, and Messrs. S. B. Allen, Elliott, Mowry, O'Grady, and Schindler.

On motion of Mr. Pettigrove, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bunker Hill District. — Lucy A. Wilson, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1890. Resignations of teachers.

Comins District. — Martha A. Cummings, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1890; Delia F. Mansfield, sewing teacher, Sept. 1, 1890.

Edward Everett District. — Sara M. Bearse, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Gibson District. — Benjamin F. Brown, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Lyman District. — Martha F. Frame, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Kindergartens.

North Bennet street. — Isabel G. Dame, assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

North Margin street. — Martha T. Morse, assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bunker Hill District. — Ella L. Thompson, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Edward Everett District. — Gertrude Goodwin, third assistant, third year, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Gibson District. — Ellen L. Pratt, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Lyman District. — Emma M. Bates, third assistant, second year, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Kindergartens.

George Putnam School. — Alice T. Smith, principal, third year, from Sept. 1, 1890.

North Bennet street. — Isabel G. Dame, principal; Edith H. Kummer, Ellen M. Murphy, assistants, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Webb School. — Helen J. Morris, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dorchester High School. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant.

Accepted.

Kindergartens.

Appleton street. — Ada C. Williamson, assistant.

Hudson street. — Mabel B. Sawin, assistant.

Neponset. — Jennie B. Brown, principal; Mary B. Morse, assistant.

Rutland street. — Eleanor P. Gay, assistant.

Sharp School. — Sarah E. Kilmer, assistant.

Starr King School. — Adelaide B. Camp, assistant.

Union Street. — C. Mabel Rust, principal.

Winchell School. — M. Elizabeth Watson, assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Lyman District. — Mary E. Williams, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district; the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1890. Transfers of teachers.

Webb Kindergarten. — Lucy Kummer, assistant, to the same position in the Cook Kindergarten, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committee in charge, leaves of absence were granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Roxbury High School. — Augusta G. Williams, substitute for Emily Weeks, first assistant, granted leave of absence.

West Roxbury High School. — Edna T. Calder, assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891.

Comins District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, first assistant, until Dec. 1, 1890.

Mather District. — Mary M. Clapp, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891.

The Chair read the following: — Communication from Secretary; appointment of clerk.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Sept. 9, 1890.

HON. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, *President of the School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — In accordance with the Regulations, I respectfully ask the approval of the Board of the appointment of Miss Susie S. Folger as assistant in my office, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Grace V. Robinson; the term of service of Miss Folger to begin Sept. 1, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Special Committee on Instruction in history in High Schools.

Ordered, That the members of the Committee on High Schools and the members of the Committee on Text-Books be constituted a Special Committee on the Means and Methods of Historical Instruction in the High Schools, with instructions to investigate the whole subject, and to formulate a plan whereby in general the best methods of studying and teaching history may be promoted, and in particular regarding all disputed matters associated with differences of religious belief, so that the instruction may be given without injury to the sensibilities of any of the pupils or their parents.

Petition of Harrison Loring *et als.*; establishment of a Kindergarten in Gaston or Lincoln District.

Mr. Packard presented a petition signed by Harrison Loring and eighteen others, residents of South Boston, asking for the establishment of a Kindergarten in the Gaston or Lincoln District.

The petition was placed on file.

Mr. Packard presented the following order: —

Establishment of a Kindergarten in Gaston or Lincoln District.

Ordered, That a Kindergarten be established in the Gaston or Lincoln District.

Referred to the Committee on Kindergartens.

Report of Committee on Sewing; instruction in sewing extended in Emerson School.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported that, under the provisions of Section 265 of the Regulations, instruction in sewing may be extended into other classes than those named in the section, on the joint recommendation of the Division Committee of the school where such extension is proposed and the Committee on Sewing.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on the First Division, your committee report that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be given to the second and third classes in the Emerson School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Alice T. Smith, principal of the George Putnam Kindergarten, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1890.

Salary of Alice T. Smith.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Swasey presented a petition signed by J. M. Morris and twenty-two others, requesting that an opportunity be afforded them to pursue the study of electricity in the Evening Schools.

Petition of J. M. Morris *et als.*; study of electricity in Evening Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — June 24, 1890 — an order concerning the payment of the salary of Mary J. Pope, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Minot District, to her nearest relative, respectfully report that, in compliance with the order, her salary to Aug. 1, 1890, has been paid to her legal representative.

Report of Committee on Accounts; payment of salary due Mary J. Pope. [See page 161.]

Accepted.

Mr. Capen presented the following: —

HEADQUARTERS BENJ. STONE, JR., POST NO. 68, G.A.R.
GRAND ARMY HALL, HARRISON SQUARE,
DORCHESTER, MASS., Aug. 23, 1890.

SAMUEL B. CAPEN, *Chairman Committee on School Houses, Boston School Committee*: —

MY DEAR SIR, — At a meeting of Benj. Stone, Jr., Post No. 68, Dept. of Mass., G.A.R., held Aug. 19, 1890, it was unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of the Post are most heartily tendered to the Boston School Committee for the use of the Dorchester High School grounds on the evening of August 11, in connection with the public reception tendered to our guests from Ohio attending the 24th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Vote of thanks to School Committee by Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, G.A.R.

Attest:
A. H. SPENCER,
Adjutant.

Very respectfully,
HARLAN P. PAIGE,
Commander.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Additional accommodations for Roxbury High School.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to provide accommodations in the hall of the Dudley School-house for the use of the pupils of the Roxbury High School; also to fit up one of the recitation rooms in the Roxbury High School-house for a class-room.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council; halls in Primary School-houses. [See page 139.]

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — June 10 — an order passed by the Common Council, requesting the School Committee to report whether there is any necessity for having a hall in either of the proposed Primary School buildings, — Lamson and Sumner streets, Ward 2, and Cumberland and St. Botolph streets, Ward 11, — reported that it has not been the custom to place halls in Primary School-houses, and as a rule the School Board does not consider it necessary to do so. The only case where the School Board has asked for a hall in a Primary School building is that of the new school-house in the Prince District, Ward 11, and in this instance there are special reasons for doing so.

It was the intention of the committee, when selecting a site, to place the new building in the immediate vicinity of the Prince School-house for the accommodation of the Primary School pupils of the district. To do this would require an expenditure of about $80,000 for the land alone. Such a price for a lot for a Primary School-house was not to be considered for a moment, and, with a view of being as economical as possible, and taking into consideration also the probable growth of the locality and its future needs, the committee selected the present lot, for which the sum of $36,000 has been paid. This lot, which was the only one available, is

located in a corner of the school district, at a distance from the Grammar School-house, and will, it is proposed, accommodate the Grammar as well as the Primary School pupils of that neighborhood, thus relieving the overcrowded Grammar School-house. It is desirable, therefore, to provide a hall in the building for such exercises as usually require a hall, and for use for exhibitions, etc.

If the future growth of this section, now so rapidly filling up, shall require it, it will only be necessary to put a partition through this hall, and thus add two school-rooms to the building. For the present, and probably for several years, it is, therefore, in the minds of the School Committee, necessary to provide a hall in the new building, in the corner of Cumberland and St. Botolph streets, Ward 11.

With regard to the new Primary School-house at East Boston, the School Board did not ask for a hall in the building.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Reservation of pumping station lot, Brighton, for school purposes. [See pp. 137, 166.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to reserve for school purposes the eastern portion of the pumping-station lot, so called, in Brighton, the portion to be reserved to have a frontage of 175 feet on Cambridge street, and taking the full depth of the lot, and containing as estimated about 65,500 square feet.

Report of Committee on School Houses; increased school accommodations.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, presented a report upon the subject of increased school accommodations, which was unanimously accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Ordered, That 500 copies of ther eport of the Committee on School Houses, on school accommodations, be printed.

Report of Special Committee on Co-education of the Sexes.

Mr. Winship, for the Special Committee on Co-education of the Sexes, presented a report of that committee.

The report was laid on the table, and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the above vote was reconsidered, and the report laid on the table.

Mr. Green, a member of the Special Committee on Co-education of the Sexes, presented a minority report, which was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 23, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Misses Hastings and Pingree, and Messrs. S. B. Allen, Blake, Elliott, O'Grady, Schindler, and Whittemore.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Edith M. Bradford, fourth assistant, Sept. 9, 1890.

Franklin District. — Maude G. Hopkins, third assistant, Sept. 8, 1890.

Gaston District. — Florence K. Manson, fourth assistant, Sept. 10, 1890.

Hancock District. — Katherine E. Gillespie, Sarah E. Ward, third assistants, Oct. 1, 1890.

Lincoln District. — Silence A. Hill, third assistant, Sadie G. Christie, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Lowell District. — Anna J. Bradley, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1890.

Martin District. — Emily Swain, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Sherwin District. — Louisa Ayer, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Wells District. — Mabel A. English, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Howe Kindergarten. — Frances H. Thompson, from Sept. 11, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior-master, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Roxbury High School. — Lena M. Wills, assistant, from Sept. 10, 1890.

Comins District. — Margaret A. McGuire, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Dearborn District. — Sarah A. Driscoll, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Emerson District. — Sarah A. Bond, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Hancock District. — Annie R. Dolan, Catherine W. Fraser, fourth assistants, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Harris District. — Mary Polk, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Hyde District. — Ada M. Fitts, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

John A. Andrew District. — Bertha E. Miller, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Lawrence District. — Winifred M. Clarkson, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Lincoln District. — Ellen A. McMahon, third assistant, Ellen V. Courtney, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Mather District. — Margaret J. Sweeney, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Minot District. — Mary E. Mullen, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8 to 12, 1890, inclusive. Susie J. Clough, fourth assistant, from Sept. 15 to 19, 1890, inclusive.

Pierce District. — Sarah A. Atwood, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8 to 16, 1890, inclusive.

Sherwin District. — Ellen L. Brown, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Stoughton District. — Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Florence Harlow, third assistant, from Sept. 15, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dorchester High School. — Emily J. Tucker, assistant, ninth year, from Sept. 8, 1890.

English High School. — William T. Strong, junior-master, eighth year, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Bowdoin District. — E. Laura Tilden, third assistant, from June 2, 1890.

Charles Sumner District. — Alaric Stone, sub-master, tenth year, from Sept. 22, 1890. Katharine M. Coulahan, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Emerson District. — Charlotte G. Ray, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Franklin District. — Maude G. Hopkins, second assistant, Ida M. Mitchell, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Gaston District. — Jennie G. Carmichael, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1890.

Hancock District. — Katherine E. Gillespie, second assistant, Emma L. Mitchell, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Martin District. — Esther L. Young, teacher of sewing, from Sept. 22, 1890.

Mather District. — Annie L. Bennett, third assistant, fifth year, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Pierce District. — Florence C. Pond, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890. Anna H. Farrar, fourth assistant, from Sept. 17, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Evelyn M. Condon, fourth assistant, second year, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Kindergartens.

Prince School. — Harriet A. Niel, principal, third year, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Smith-street School. — Ellen M. Fiske, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Minnie G. Abbott, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dorchester High School. — Edith S. Cushing, assistant.

English High School. — Joseph Y. Bergen, Jr., junior-master. James Mahoney, junior-master.

Roxbury High School. — Susie C. Lougee, assistant.

West Roxbury High School. — Emily L. Clark, assistant.

Agassiz District. — Mary I. Adams, third assistant. Carrie F. Parker, third assistant.

Edward Everett District. — Fannie Frizzell, fourth assistant.

Gibson District. — Jessie C. Fraser, third assistant.

John A. Andrew District. — Alice T. Cornish, third assistant.

Lewis District. — Ellen M. Murphy, second assistant.

Lowell District. — Lillian S. Hilton, fourth assistant.

Mather District. — Mary E. Nichols, third assistant.

Stoughton District. — Annie S. Coffey, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Charles Sumner District. — Mabel E. Adams, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Minot District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1890.

Hancock District. — Agnes L. Dodge, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1890.

Quincy District. — William R. Morse, sub-master, to the same position in the Gibson District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of instructors of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Assistants, John C. Ryder, Sylvester Brown, Benjamin Tenney, Frank M. Copeland, Albert Poor, George W. Anderson, Tilson A. Mead, Charles E. Stetson, Arthur B. Morong, Frederic W. Elliott, from Sept. 29, 1890; Thomas J. Barry, clerk, from Sept. 29, 1890. *Charlestown Branch.*— Assistant in charge, William R. Morse, from Sept. 29, 1890. *East Boston Branch.* — Assistant in charge, Joel C. Bolan, from Sept. 29, 1890.

Accepted.

Election of special teacher of vocal and physical culture, Girls' High School.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following nomination on probation: —

Girls' High School. — Sara E. Miller, special teacher of vocal and physical culture, from Sept. 15, 1890.

Accepted, and the nomination unanimously confirmed.

Election of principal of Warren Evening School.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the nomination of the following-named principal of an Evening School: —

Warren School. — Frank F. Preble, principal, from Sept. 29, 1890.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Packard, and Pettigrove a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said instructor. The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 13; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Frank F. Preble elected.

Frank F. Preble had 13 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Warren Evening School.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leaves of absence were granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Amelia B. Coe.

Bigelow District. — Amelia B. Coe, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Mattie A. Goodrich, substitute.

Margarette H. Price.

Margarette H. Price, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Julia G. Leary, substitute.

Mary A. P. Cross.

Dearborn District. — Mary A. P. Cross, second assistant, primary school, until Dec. 1, 1890; Mary E. Connor, substitute.

Eldora A. Pickering.

Mary L. Gore.

Dillaway District. — Eldora A. Pickering, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891. Mary L. Gore, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1890; Ella F. Little, substitute.

Ruth H. Brady.

Dudley District. — Ruth H. Brady, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Josephine W. Greenlaw, substitute.

Hattie A. Darling.

Edward Everett District. — Hattie A. Darling, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1890; Isabel W. Davis, substitute.

Eliot District. — Isabel R. Haskins, third assistant, until Jan 1, 1891; Elizabeth M. Mann, substitute. Kate L. Dodge, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Celia V. Leen, substitute. Harriet E. Lampee, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Katherine G. Sutliffe, substitute.

Isabel R. Haskins.
Kate L. Dodge.
Harriet E. Lampee.

Everett District. — Ruth H. Clapp, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Bertha Bamber, substitute. Hannah M. Coolidge, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Mary C. Mellyn, substitute.

Ruth H. Clapp.
Hannah M. Coolidge.

Franklin District. — Catherine T. Simonds, second assistant, until April 1, 1891, without pay. Jennie E. Haskell, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891.

Catherine T. Simonds.
Jennie E. Haskell.

Hancock District. — Josephine B. Silver, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Augusta B. Williams, substitute.

Josephine B. Silver.

Lewis District. — Amanda Pickering, second assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Grace L. Sherry, substitute.

Amanda Pickering.

Mather District. — Keziah J. Anslow, substitute for Mary M. Clapp, fourth assistant, granted leave of absence.

Keziah J. Anslow, substitute.

Norcross District. — Susan H. Thaxter, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Caroline Bernhard, substitute.

Susan H. Thaxter.

Shurtleff District. — Edith A. Pope, third assistant, until June 30, 1891, without pay.

Edith A. Pope.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Sarah M. Tripp, second assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; John D. Philbrick, substitute.

Sarah M. Tripp.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of vocal and physical culture in the Girls' High School be fixed at the rate of $1,008 per annum, to date from Sept. 15, 1890.

Salary of special teacher of vocal and physical culture in the Girls' High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Additional accommodations for Dorchester High School.

Ordered, That additional accommodations be provided for the Dorchester High School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Establishment of a Kindergarten in the Child-street School-house.

Ordered, That the School Committee authorize the establishment of a Kindergarten in the Child-street School building, Jamaica Plain.

Referred to Committee on Kindergartens.

Mr. Capen presented the following communication: —

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY AND HYGIENE ASSOCIATION,
BOSTON, Sept. 16, 1890.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

Communication from Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association; vote of thanks for use of school-house yards.

The Committee on Play-Grounds of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association desire to express their grateful thanks for the privilege of using the yards of the public schools as play-grounds for little children during the summer vacation. After a trial of three years, the Committee on Play-Grounds feel that the steady improvement, both in behavior and morals, of the children under the care of their matrons, must commend their work to the School Committee.

Very respectfully,
For the Play-Grounds Committee,
ELLEN M. TOWER,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Additional appropriation for lot of land in Cambridge street, Charlestown.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of fifty-three dollars and twenty cents ($53.20), in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated, for the purchase of the lot of land in the south-easterly side of Cambridge street, opposite Sever street, Charlestown District, and lying between the estates of the Eastern Railroad Company and that of Thaddeus P. Dixon, and numbered 24 Cambridge

street; said sum being the amount of taxes on said lot for the present year.

Mr. Capen presented a petition signed by residents of Ward 23, representing that the location of the present school-house is at too great a distance from their homes for their younger children to attend regularly. That, during the winter months, and in unfavorable weather, the children are frequently absent from school on account of the long and dangerous travel to and from the school. And the petitioners request that a public school be located on the easterly side of the main line of the Old Colony Railroad, near the junction of Hyde Park avenue and Canterbury street.

Petition for new school-house, Ward 23.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Physical Training, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: Insert the following as Section 60, and renumber the present Section 60 to correspond to this change: —

Committee on Manual Training; amendment of Rules.

SECTION 60. The Committee on Physical Training shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

SECTION 113. Insert after the word "assistants," in the third line, the words, "the Director of Physical Training and assistants."

Referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Wentworth & Hill's Exercise Manual in Arithmetic be authorized for use as a text-book for the Latin Schools. This book is not intended to, and does not in fact, displace any text-book now in use, but is intended merely to furnish additional problems in arithmetic.

Text-book in arithmetic, High Schools.

Laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Special Committee on Historical Instruction in High Schools to report in print.

Ordered, That the Special Committee on Means and Methods of Historical Instruction in the High Schools be allowed to report in print.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Course of study, Primary Schools; amendment of.

Ordered, That the Committee on Revision of the Courses of Study inquire into the expediency of modifying in any way the regulations as laid down on page 6 of School Document No. 16 of 1890.

Referred to Committee on Examinations.

Report of Committee on Accounts; expenditure for Normal School Library. [See page 163.]

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — June 24, 1890 — an order that the head-master of the Normal School be allowed to expend one hundred dollars a year in books for the library of said school until otherwise ordered, respectfully reports that they have considered the matter, and do not desire to recommend the action proposed, inasmuch as the Regulations of the Board amply provide for supplying what is needed by the schools. This committee therefore respectfully reports that in their opinion the order should be referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Clerk of Evening High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the Clerk of the Evening High School be at the rate of four dollars per night, to date from Sept. 29, 1890; the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of assistants in charge of the Charlestown and East Boston branches of the Evening High School be fixed at the rate of five dollars per evening of actual service, to date from Sept. 29, 1890.

Salary of assistants in charge of branches of Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following: —

Ordered, That the School Committee authorize a change in the form of discharge card given to children passing from one school to another.

Change in form of discharge card.

Referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the majority and minority reports of the Special Committee on the Co-education of the Sexes was taken from the table, and specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Special assignment; majority and minority reports of Committee on Co-education.

On motion of Mr. Winship, it was

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Report of the Special Committee on the Co-education of the Sexes be printed.

Edition of report on co-education.

On motion of Mr. Emery, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Police be requested to detail an officer for service at the School Committee Building, Mason street, in place of Officer Baker, absent on account of sickness.

Police officer for duty in School Committee building.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That a School of Cookery be established in the Bartlett-street School, Dillaway District.

School of Cookery in Dillaway District.

Referred to the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Mr. Humphreys, for the same committee, reported the death of Julia A. C. Gray, late third assistant in the Comins District.

Death of Julia A. C. Gray.

Placed on file.

Death of Harlan P. Gage.

Mr. Humphreys, for the same committee, reported the death of Harlan P. Gage, late master of the Hugh O'Brien School.

Placed on file.

Mr. Humphreys offered the following resolutions: —

Resolutions on death of Harlan P. Gage.

Whereas, Death having removed from our corps of teachers Harlan P. Gage, master of the Hugh O'Brien School, therefore

Resolved, That this School Board desires to express its appreciation of Mr. Gage as a man, as a scholar, and as a devoted and successful master of one of our public schools.

Resolved, That we recognize in his twenty-two years' service as a teacher and master, his consecration, his self-sacrifice, and his untiring devotion to the best interests of the children intrusted to his care. His genial smile, his kindly manner, his sympathetic voice, and his cordial greeting will be missed by all who knew him. His sudden departure in the prime of life is a serious loss not only to his family and friends, to the teachers and scholars of his school, but to the city and to the cause of education; and we would join in the general expression of sorrow at the loss of one of our most respected and beloved teachers.

Resolved, That we extend to the family and relatives of the deceased our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon the records, and that a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased.

Passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 14, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Miss Pingree, and Messrs. S. B. Allen, Mowry, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Packard, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

City of Boston,
In Common Council, Oct. 2, 1890.

Communication from Common Council; vacant seats in school-houses.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the Common Council, after the next meeting of said Committee, the number of vacancies in all the schools of the city of Boston.

Passed in Common Council, Oct. 2, 1890.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Harvey N. Shepard and sixty-six others, parents and guardians of children attending the Primary School in Monroe street, Ward 21, asking that there be one daily session for that school.

Petition for one daily session; Monroe-street school.

Referred to the Committee on Seventh Division.

The Chair presented the annual report of the Board of Supervisors.

Annual report of the Board of Supervisors.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Ordered, That sixteen hundred copies of the annual report of the Board of Supervisors be printed.

Edition of annual report of the Board of Supervisors.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Dillaway District. — Corinne Harrison, second assistant, Oct. 1, 1890.

Dwight District. — Alice P. Lord, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1890.

Everett District. — L. Gertrude Howes, second assistant, Lucy W. Eaton, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1890.

Frothingham District. — Lucy A Seaver, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1890.

Harvard District. — Mary E. Kelly, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1890.

Mount Vernon District. — John C. Ryder, submaster, Oct. 1, 1890.

Sherwin District. — Gertrude Halladay, third assistant, Oct. 14, 1890.

Wells District. — Lydia A. Isbell, fourth assistant, Sept. 30, 1890.

Francis-street Kindergarten. — Angie B. Towne, assistant, Sept. 23, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Edward Everett District. — Mary H. Brick, from Sept. 23, 1890.

Hancock District. — Mary J. Murray, from Oct. 6, 1890.

Lowell District. — Grace R. Curtis, from Sept. 22, 1890; Jane J. Wood, from Sept. 15, 1890.

Howe Kindergarten. — Frances H. Thompson, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Brighton High School. — John M. Pierce, junior-master, from Oct. 9, 1890. Temporary teachers.

East Boston High School. — Mary A. Tenney, assistant, from Sept. 29, 1890.

Roxbury High School. — Charles H. Brock, junior-master, from Sept. 26 to 30, 1890, inclusive.

Adams District. — Sarah R. Dodge, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Bigelow District. — Florence E. Neill, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary P. Crosby, fourth assistant, from Oct. 9, 1890.

Comins District. — Martha C. McGowan, third assistant, from Sept. 18 to Oct. 10, 1890, inclusive.

Dudley District. — James W. Webster, first assistant, from Sept. 11 to Oct. 7, 1890.

Dwight District. — Edith K. Hodson, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Edward Everett District. — Agnes G. Wright, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Everett District. — Elizabeth E. Hough, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Gibson District. — Emeline W. Ripley, third assistant, from Sept. 22, 1890.

Hancock District. — Annie M. Niland, third assistant, from Sept. 15, 1890.

Harvard District. — Theresa G. Power, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Benjamin Tenney, sub-master, from Oct. 1, 1890; Ellen S. Bloomfield, third assistant, from Sept. 22 to 30, 1890, inclusive.

Lewis District. — Edith A. Willey, third assistant, from Sept. 29, 1890.

Phillips District. — Angie P. S. Andrews, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Quincy District. — William A. Leahy, sub-master, from Sept. 22, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior-master, third year, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Roxbury High School. — John C. Ryder, junior-master, twelfth year, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Allston District. — Eva M. Cotton, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Dwight District. — Emma A. Child, third assistant, fifth year, from Oct. 15, 1890.

Everett District. — Lucy W. Eaton, second assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Frothingham District. — Mary Colesworthy, Cecilia A. Kelley, third assistants, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Gibson District. — Bessie C. Jones, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Esther E. McGrath, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Mount Vernon District. — Eliza M. Warren, fourth assistant, from Oct. 6, 1890.

Sherwin District. — Elizabeth G. Dowd, third assistant, from Oct. 14, 1890.

Kindergartens.

Jamaica Plain School. — Angie B. Towne, principal, from Sept. 23, 1890.

North Margin-street School. — Phebe A. DeLande, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart School. — Addie L. Bowker, assistant, from Sept. 11, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Adams District. — Clara Robbins, second assistant.

Bennett District. — Annie M. Stickney, fourth assistant.

Bunker Hill District. — Kate T. Brooks, fourth assistant.

Charles Sumner District. — Josephine A. Slayton, third assistant; Mary N. Sherburne, fourth assistant.

Dudley District. — Mary McSkimmon, first assistant; Edith Hovey, fourth assistant.

Emerson District. — Bernice A. DeMerritt, first assistant; Emma J. Irving, third assistant.

Hancock District. — Matilda F. Bibbey, fourth assistant.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth G. Desmond, Agnes A. Herlihy, fourth assistants.

Mount Vernon District. — Anna R. French, fourth assistant.

Pierce District. — Louise L. Carr, fourth assistant.

Wells District. — Louise W. Betts, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Frothingham District. — Abby C. McAuliffe, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district; the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1890.

Harvard District. — Myra F. Towle, fourth assistant, on probation, to the position of third assistant, on probation, in the same district; the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1890.

Lyman District. — Horatio D. Newton, sub-master, on probation, to the position of sub-master, on probation, in the Emerson District; the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1890.

Martin District. — Mary E. Crosby, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the Comins District; the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

Male teachers of day schools allowed to teach in evening schools.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That male teachers in the day schools be allowed to teach in the evening schools during the term 1890–91.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Nominations; election of teachers of evening schools.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations of first assistants and assistants in the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools for the term 1890–91.

Evening High School. — Assistants, — Abram T. Smith, William H. Brown, Herbert S. Weaver, from Sept. 29th; Jeremiah G. Foley, Emil C. Pfeiffer, from Sept. 30th; Wales R. Stockbridge, Jr., Charles H. Brock, Edward H. Rice, George H. Nichols, Fred A. Fernald, George F. Partridge, from Oct. 6th. *Instructor of German.* — C. F. Richard Hochdorfer, from Oct. 6th. *Instructors of French.* — Karl Jonsen, Henri Morand, Paul L. Guerin, from Oct. 6th. *Instructors of Phonography.* — Thornton D. Apollonio, from Sept. 29th; Albert E. Leon, from Oct. 6th. *Instructors of Penmanship.* — Charles A. French, William A. Whitehouse, from Oct. 6th. *Charlestown Branch.* — Assistants, — F. Morton King, Walter A. Robinson, from Sept. 29th; Charles C. Haines, from Oct. 6th. *Instructor of Phonography.* — Richard F.

Sullivan, from Sept. 29th. *East Boston Branch.* — Assistants,—Harry H. Newton, from Sept. 29th: Daniel A. Clifford, from Oct. 6th. *Instructor of Phonography.* — Mary A. Chandler, from Oct. 15th.

Allston School. — Assistants, — Alexander Pearson, from Sept. 29th; Eliza M. Warren, Annie Neville, from Sept. 30th: Harriet Rice, Margaret C. Hunt, from Oct. 1st.

Bigelow School. — First assistant, John D. Philbrick, from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — Winifred M. Clarkson, Mary L. Hennessy, from Sept. 29th: Mary A. Tenney, Florence E. Neill, Agnes G. Gilfether, Mary F. O'Brien, from Oct. 1st; Ella G. Fitzgerald, Gertrude D. Kean, from Oct. 2d; Mary E. Bernhard, from Oct. 3d.

Comins School. — First assistant, John J. Moran, from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — John A. Brett, Ella F. Little, Mary C. Mellyn, from Sept. 29th; Mary H. Brick, Annie W. Clark, Mary V. Gormley, Margaret A. McGuire, Elizabeth F. Pinkham, from Sept. 30th.

Dearborn School. — First assistant, John S. Richardson, from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — Clara A. Wood, Mary N. Regan, from Sept. 30th; Daniel W. Weis, Wesley C. Ginn, Sarah A. Driscoll, Annie M. Trundy, Mary E. Palmer, from Oct. 1st.

Eliot School. — First assistant, Daniel J. Mullen, from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — Dana J. Bugbee, Margaret Coyle, from Sept. 29th; Sidney E. Bailey, from Sept. 30th; Mary L. Lewis, Catherine J. Cunningham, Annie E. Smith, Annie V. Hagerty, Frank J. Demond, Matilda J. Kennemon, from Oct. 1st: Theresa G. Power, from Oct. 3d; Annie R. Dolan, from Oct. 8th.

Franklin School. — First assistant, James Burrier,

from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — George B. Buffington, Louis Leyser, Francis V. Keyes, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, Esther E. McGrath, Fannie L. Rogers, from Sept. 29th; Helena F. Leary, Bertha M. Smith, Katharine C. Sullivan, Philip M. Fitzsimmons, from Oct. 1st; Celia Bamber, Bertha Bamber, Katharine A. Regan, Keziah J. Anslow, from Oct. 2d.

Hancock School. — Assistants, — Jane C. Levi, Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, Sigmund Pollak, from Sept. 29th; Ada M. Fitts, from Sept. 30th.

Lincoln School. — First assistant, Geo. S. Houghton, from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — Herbert R. Roberts, Edith A. Scanlan, Margaret J. Adams, Eva C. Morris, Angie P. S. Andrews, Ellen V. Courtney, Elizabeth F. Mullen, from Sept. 29th; Edward H. Delano, Mary Polk, from Oct. 2d.

Lyman School. — First assistant, Chas. O. Cummings, from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — Mary Colesworthy, Mary A. Maclean, Ellen S. Bloomfield, Martha S. Harding, from Sept. 29th; Hattie R. Christiernin, Annie M. Niland, from Sept. 30th; Maggie D. Barr, from Oct. 3d; J. Gertrude Mulloney, from Oct. 6th.

Phillips School. — Assistants, — John E. Butler, Elizabeth N. Smith, Sarah E. Stumpf, B. Louise Hagerty, from Sept. 29th.

Quincy School. — First assistant, Gustavus F. Guild, from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — John O'Driscoll, Mary P. Howland, Kate V. Tiernay, Mary E. Wilbar, from Sept. 29th; Ella L. Sullivan, Mary E. Keyes, from Sept. 30th.

Sherwin School. — Assistants, — Geo. R. Keene, Herman Tryborn, Minna B. Noyes, from Sept. 29th; Lillian Tishler, from Oct. 1st.

Warren School. — First assistant, Benson B.

Banker, from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — Mary A. Mahan, Katharine A. McMahon, Lucy M. Bosworth, Theresa E. Hayes, Emma S. Fisk, Sarah R. Dodge, Augusta B. Williams, Mary J. Marlow, Helen M. Slack, from Sept. 29th.

Warrenton-street School. — Assistants, — John L. Emmons, Samuel Weltch, Annie Nichols, Emily H. Osborne, from Oct. 1st.

Wells School. — First assistant, Alanson H. Mayers, from Sept. 29th. Assistants, — Mary W. Perry, Almira Bixby, Isabel A. Smith, Sarah D. Noyes, from Sept. 29th; Sarah E. Stuntz, Christine Deane, Mary F. McDonald, from Oct. 1st.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the nomination of the following-named instructors of Evening Drawing Schools for the term 1890–91, to date from Oct. 20, 1890. Election of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools.

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, George Jepson.

Head Assistants. — Charles L. Adams, Anson K. Cross, Albert L. Ware.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported the following nomination of a principal of an evening school for the term of 1890–91: — Election of principal of evening school.

Warrenton-street School. — William W. Locke, principal, from Sept. 29, 1890.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the Board proceeded to ballot for such instructor. Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Swasey, and Packard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, re-

ported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. William W. Locke had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

William W. Locke elected.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division; principal of Hugh O'Brien School.

Mr. Capen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Seventh Division, reported the following nomination of a candidate for the position of principal of the Hugh O'Brien School: John R. Morse, master.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the Board proceeded to ballot for such instructor.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Swasey, and Packard a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. John F. Dwight had 2 votes; John R. Morse had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Hugh O'Brien School, with the rank of master.

John R. Morse elected principal of Hugh O'Brien School.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division; principal of Mt. Vernon School.

Mr. Capen, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and the Eighth Division, reported the following nomination for a candidate for the position of principal of the Mount Vernon School: J. Willard Brown, sub-master, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the Board proceeded to ballot for such instructor.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Winship, and Pettigrove a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. J. Willard Brown had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Mount Vernon School, with the rank of sub-master.

J. Willard Brown elected principal of the Mt. Vernon School.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the term specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board : — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes appointed.

Adams District. — Anna E. Reed, second assistant, Primary School, until Jan. 1, 1891 ; Mary A. Mahan, substitute. Anna E. Reed.

Emerson District. — Margaret A. Bartlett, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891 ; Maggie D. Barr, substitute. Margaret A. Bartlett.

Franklin District. — Georgianna E. Abbott, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891 ; Elizabeth E. Daily, substitute. Georgianna E. Abbott.

Phillips District. — Louise H. Hinckley, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1890 ; Mary E. Palmer, substitute. Louise H. Hinckley.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — September 23 — an order proposing an amendment to the Rules and Regulations relative to the subject of physical training, reported that the following order ought to pass : — Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; physical training, amendment of rules. [See page 185.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows : —

Insert the following as Section 60, and renumber the present Section 60 to conform to this change : —

SECTION 60. The Committee on Physical Training shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

SECTION 113. Insert after the word "assistants," in the third line, the words "Director of Physical Training and assistants."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 13 — an order that Section 204 of the Report of Committee on Rules and Regula-

tions; patriotic exercises in schools Memorial Day. [See page 120.]

Regulations be amended by inserting the words "and Memorial Day," reported that the Legislature at its last session passed an act providing that in all the public schools of the Commonwealth, the last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature. This change in the Regulations is to conform to the law. The committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 204 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the word "February," in the second line, the words "and the thirtieth of May."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; Manual Training Schools; amendment of Regulations. [See page 98.]

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 8 — an order proposing amendments to the Regulations relating to Manual Training Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by substituting the following for the present chapter xxvi.

SECTION 370. These schools are established for the purpose of giving manual instruction to the pupils of the public schools, and shall be under the charge of the Committee on Manual Training Schools. The morning sessions of these schools shall begin at nine o'clock and close at twelve o'clock; the afternoon sessions shall begin at two o'clock and close at four o'clock.

SECTION 371. The masters of districts, wherever classes in manual training are established, shall be required to furnish scholars from the classes under their care, the number to be determined by the Committee on Manual Training. It shall be their duty also to see that pupils are punctual and regular in their attendance, and are not excused from any lesson without imperative reason. Whenever classes are detained, prompt notice shall be sent to the teachers.

SECTION 372. Pupils of classes in manual training shall attend morning and afternoon sessions alternately, whenever practicable, in order that each pupil shall have an equal amount of instruction. Pupils beginning a course of instruction in manual training shall be expected to complete the same, unless excused by the committee in charge. No pupil shall be admitted to classes in domestic economy below the third class, unless permission is given by the Committee on Manual Training.

SECTION 373. All exhibitions of manual training shall be in charge of the teachers of that department.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; number of members of Committee on High Schools. [See pp. 4, 62, 63, 67, 68.]

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — March 11 — an order that Section 4 of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out the words "and a Committee on High Schools, each committee," in the fourth and fifth lines, and by inserting after the word "members," in the sixth line, the words "and a Committee on High Schools, consisting of nine members," reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Alice T. Smith. [See page 173.]

Mr. Whittemore, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — September 9 — an order concerning the salary of Alice T. Smith, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Alice T. Smith, principal of the George Putnam Kindergarten, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to-date from Sept. 1, 1890.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; communication from masters of Grammar Schools; salaries of sewing teachers. [See pp. 151, 152.]

Mr. Whittemore, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 10 — the petition signed by H. C. Hardon and eight other masters of the Grammar Schools, relating to the salaries of sewing teachers of the upper classes in the Grammar Schools, reported that the

schedule of salaries of the teachers for the year 1890–91, adopted by the Board Feb. 25, 1890, includes a scale of salaries of sewing teachers based upon the number of divisions or classes taught. The number of divisions assigned to each teacher has been determined by the Committee on Sewing, to whom the general charge of this branch of instruction is assigned by the rules of the Board.

For several years past, instruction in sewing has been gradually extended into the upper classes of some of the schools where girls attend. Owing to the provision of the course of study and the greater demand made upon the pupils in the higher classes, it has been left, in a great measure, to the masters to find time for instruction in sewing by taking the required time for sewing from other branches of study. It appears that the average time thus secured for this instruction in the upper classes has been about one hour per week for each division, while in the lower classes two hours have been given to sewing. The Committee on Sewing, in changing the assignment of divisions to the teachers, based their decision upon the time given, and not upon the number of divisions taught. The result is that a sewing teacher who has charge of two divisions in the upper classes, but is unable on account of the arrangement of the work to devote more than one hour to each division, is paid for one division — or for two hours' work. This action of the Committee on Sewing has occasioned the reduction in the salaries of some of the sewing teachers of the upper classes — hence this petition. From the evidence presented to this committee, they are of the opinion that the work of the teachers of the upper classes, and the demand made upon their time and strength in preparing work for their pupils, giving

instruction and advice, is far beyond that required of the teachers of the lower classes; and the committee believe that the one hour's instruction in the upper classes, and the extra time required for the preparation of that work, is fully equal to, if it does not exceed, the two hours' instruction in the lower classes; and that the teachers should receive as much for their one hour's work in the upper classes as is paid for two hours' instruction in the lower classes.

Your committee, not intending to trespass upon the prerogatives of the Committee on Sewing, have simply given their opinion on the evidence presented to them. They recommend that the following order be referred to the Committee on Sewing: —

Ordered, That sewing teachers having charge of the instruction in sewing in the first, second, and third classes of the Grammar Schools be paid the same salary for one hour's instruction as is paid for two hours' instruction in sewing in the fourth, fifth, and sixth classes of the Grammar Schools.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Sewing.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Shepard's Chemistry be authorized for use as a text-book in the-fourth year classes of the High Schools. Text-book in chemistry.

Laid over, under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Green, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Wentworth & Hill's Exercise Manual in Arithmetic be authorized for use as a text-book for the Latin Schools. This book is not intended to, and does not in fact, displace any text-book now in use, Text-book in arithmetic, Latin School. [see page 186.]

but is intended merely to furnish additional problems in arithmetic.

The order passed unanimously, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

Petition for evening school at Jamaica Plain.

Mr. Capen presented a petition signed by eighty residents of West Roxbury, praying for the establishment of an evening elementary school in the Agassiz School-house, Jamaica Plain.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Compensation to Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Ordered, That there be paid to James C. Tucker, Superintendent of Public Buildings of the city of Boston, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) annually, commencing April 1, 1890 in equal monthly instalments, for services in superintending the repairs and alterations of school property, the same to be charged to the appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Capen, it was

Introduction of Slöjd work into Rice Training School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Normal School be authorized to introduce Slöjd work into the Rice Training School, the same to be without expense to the city of Boston.

Report of Committee on School Houses; school accommodations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, submitted a report of that committee relative to school accommodations.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Emery, it was

Report of Committee on School Houses to be printed.

Ordered, That six hundred copies of the report of the Committee on School Houses be printed.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Enlargement of Allston School-house.

Ordered, That the wings of the Allston Grammar School-house be raised so as to provide four additional school-rooms.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new building for the Brighton High School, on the lot known as the "pumping-station lot," midway between Allston and Brighton.

New building for Brighton High School.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Pettigrove offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to introduce the Johnson Valve Service — a heat-regulating apparatus — into the Harvard Hill Primary School-house.

Johnson Valve Service in Harvard Hill Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Ordered, That a Kindergarten be established in the Stoughton District.

Establishment of a Kindergarten in Stoughton District.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Tileston School shall open at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and close at 3.30 P.M.

Afternoon session of Tileston School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the School Committee authorize the establishment of a Kindergarten in the Bartlett-street School-house for the Dillaway and Dudley Districts.

Establishment of a Kindergarten in the Bartlett-street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on Kindergartens.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to lay a plank-walk on Bickford street, opposite the yard of the Lucretia Crocker School-house, in the Lowell District.

Plank-walk on Bickford street, Lowell District.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Special teachers of penmanship, Evening High School.

Ordered, That Leon M. Wallace and Frank I. Temple be appointed special teachers of penmanship in the Evening High School, to date from Oct. 6, 1890; and that the salary of each be three dollars ($3) per evening.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Special assignment; reports of Special Committee on Co-education.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the special assignment — being the majority and minority reports of the Special Committee on the Co-education of the Sexes — was taken up.

Mr. Winship moved that the majority report be accepted.

Mr. Green moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Lost, by a vote of 8 to 9.

Mr. Emery moved to reconsider the vote whereby it was refused to substitute the minority for the majority report, and to specially assign the whole subject to the next meeting of the Board.

Lost, by a vote of 8 to 8.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Mecuen, further consideration of the subject was specially assigned to the next meeting, at eight o'clock.

Notice of reconsideration.

Mr. Green gave notice that at the next meeting he should move a reconsideration of the vote whereby it was refused to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Common Council, vacant seats in school-houses.

[See page 189.]

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — October 14 — a communication from the Common Council asking for the number of vacancies in all the schools of the city, submitted the following report: —

As legislation is now pending before the Council with regard to new grammar and primary buildings, the prompt action upon which is so vital to the interests of our schools, we beg leave to report at once, and from such data as is at present at hand.

The Superintendent of Public Buildings has recently given the seating accommodations in the various school-houses of the city as follows: —

High School sittings	3,599
Grammar School sittings	34,414
Primary School sittings	26,523
Total	64,536

But included in the above are 1,500 seats in vestries, shops, etc., which have been leased as *temporary* accommodations until the new school buildings can be erected, and evidently should not be considered as *permanent* accommodations. Deducting these, we have left 63,036 as the Superintendent's estimate of the seating capacity of our regular school buildings. The number of day scholars belonging to our schools (see Auditor's report, folio 267) is 60,478. Deducting these from 63,036 above, we have left about 2,500 seats as at present vacant throughout the city, and not 12,500, as reported.

These figures can be verified, at least approximately, by the fact that near the close of the last school year it was found that there were vacant rooms in the grammar schools of the city as follows: one district, three rooms; five districts, two rooms each; and seven districts, one room each; total, 20 rooms, with a seating capacity of a little over one thousand. If there is an equal number of vacant rooms in the primary as in the grammar schools, these, with the vacant rooms in the Latin School building, would make about the 2,500 vacant seats, as shown above. If these 2,500 vacant seats were distributed equally through the city, — as it is only about five per cent. of the total number of scholars, — it would mean that in each room of the largest size — 56 pupils — there would be about three vacant seats; which is a small amount to provide for future growth.

But the difficulty is that these vacancies are not equally distributed, but most of them are in the older sections of the city; while in the newer sections the accommodations are so inadequate, that after leasing temporary buildings of various sorts, children even then have to be forbidden admission.

It should be further borne in mind that there were, at the last school census, 7,366 children between the ages of five and fifteen years of age that do not attend any school, either public or private. While about three-quarters of these are under the school age fixed by law, and therefore cannot be *compelled* to attend, it is of importance to know that the reason constantly given by parents why they do not send their children to school is because of the poor and insuf-

ficient accommodations for primary pupils in the sections where they reside.

While it is not a part of the present inquiry of the City Council, -- as the question has been asked, — will you allow us to state our reasons for proposing the order we did in the building of the nine new school-houses asked for by this Board. The wish is, of course, to get these buildings all ready for occupancy at the opening of the school year in the fall of 1891. Some of the buildings are small, and if work was not commenced upon these until March they could be built ready for occupancy in September. But four of these are large; and in order to be in readiness by that time, September 1, the foundations, at least, and as much more as possible, should be built this fall. On this principle of having every section share alike, and having all buildings ready for occupancy at the same time, as nearly as possible, it was requested that if a division must be made, that the four larger should take the precedence, and the five smaller follow in the future loan later in the year.

There was a second reason for following this order. The city of Boston is paying the largest rentals for temporary leased buildings in the sections where these larger buildings are to be erected. The details of the yearly rentals are as follows: —

Pierce District, two houses and one vestry . . .	$1,390 00
Hillside District, store, 203 and 205 Green street, and shoe-shop, corner of Green street and Brookside avenue	1,000 00
Prince District, room in Pierce Building . . .	1,100 00
	$3,490 00

These rentals will cease as soon as three of these buildings are ready, and it seemed, therefore, a wiser business policy to begin with the buildings in these districts.

The committee beg, in closing, to refer publicly to the courteous consideration with which all our requests have been received by the members of the City Council, and their evident purpose to provide as speedily as possible for the urgent needs of the children in the various sections of the city.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 28, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Miss Pingree and Messrs. S. B. Allen, Mowry, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

City of Boston,
In Common Council, Oct. 16, 1890.

Communication from City Council; reservation of part of "pumping-station lot," Brighton, for school purposes. [See pp. 137, 166, 175.]

Ordered, That the parcel of land situated in the Brighton District, and bounded south-east by Cambridge street one hundred and seventy-five feet, south west by land lately sold by the city to the Sisters of St. Joseph three hundred and fifty-eight and $\frac{55}{100}$ feet, west by the same land sixty-six and $\frac{95}{100}$ feet, north by land of the heirs of John Gordon one hundred and forty-five feet, and north-east by land of said heirs three hundred and thirty-one and $\frac{35}{100}$ feet, containing sixty-five thousand three hundred and eighty-one square feet, as shown on a plan made by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated July 18, 1884, and on file in the office of said City Surveyor, be reserved for school purposes; said land being substantially the land referred to in the request of the School Committee dated Sept. 9, 1890.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.
In Board of Aldermen, October 20, concurred.
Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 21, 1890.
A true copy.
Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Common Council; pupils attending Prince School from outside the district.

City of Boston,
In Common Council, Oct. 16, 1890.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the Common Council as soon as possible the number of pupils attending the Prince School, who reside outside the limits of the Prince District.

Passed in Common Council, Oct. 16, 1890.
A true copy.
Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on the Fourth Division.

The following order took its second reading: —

Patriotic exercises in schools, Memorial day, amendment of Regulations. [See pp. 120, 199, 200.]

Ordered, That Section 204 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the word "February," in the second line, the words "and the thirtieth of May."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading: —

Physical training; amendment of the Rules. [See pp. 185, 199.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Insert the following as Section 60, and renumber the present Section 60 to conform to this change: —

Section 60. The Committee on Physical Training shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

Section 113. Insert after the word "assistants," in the third line, the words "Director of Physical Training and assistants."

Passed.

The following order took its second reading: —

Manual Training Schools,

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by substituting the following for the present chapter xxvi: —

Amendment of Regulations. [See pp. 98, 200.]

SECTION 370. These schools are established for the purpose of giving manual instruction to the pupils of the public schools, and shall be under the charge of the Committee on Manual Training Schools. The morning sessions of these schools shall begin at nine o'clock and close at twelve o'clock; the afternoon sessions shall begin at two o'clock and close at four o'clock.

SECTION 371. The masters of districts, wherever classes in manual training are established, shall be required to furnish scholars from the classes under their care, the number to be determined by the Committee on Manual Training. It shall be their duty also to see that pupils are punctual and regular in their attendance, and are not excused from any lesson without imperative reason. Whenever classes are detained, prompt notice shall be sent to the teachers.

SECTION 372. Pupils of classes in manual training shall attend morning and afternoon sessions alternately, whenever practicable, in order that each pupil shall have an equal amount of instruction. Pupils beginning a course of instruction in manual training shall be expected to complete the same, unless excused by the committee in charge. No pupil shall be admitted to classes in domestic economy below the third class, unless permission is given by the Committee on Manual Training.

SECTION 373. All exhibitions of manual training shall be in charge of the teachers of that department.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the order was laid on the table.

Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Franklin District. — Emma G. Brown, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1890.

Gaston District. — A. Delancey Sutherland, second assistant; Clara A. Sharp, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1890.

Gibson District. — Mary A. Merritt, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1890.

Minot District. — Kate S. Gunn, fourth assistant, Nov. 3, 1890.

Sherwin District. — John R. Morse, sub-master, Oct. 16, 1890.

Evening Schools.

Dearborn School. — Henry B. Hall, principal; John S. Richardson, first assistant, Nov. 1, 1890.

Phillips School. — John R. Morse, principal; John E. Butler, assistant, Nov. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dillaway District. — Ellen A. Scollin, from Oct. 15, 1890.

Lawrence District. — Annie E. McWilliams, from Oct. 15, 1890.

Lyman District. — Gertrude L. Hodges, from Oct. 22, 1890.

Quincy District. — Bertha M. Smith, from Oct. 22, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Gaston District. — Mary S. Laughton, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890; Julia A. Noonan, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

John A. Andrew District. — Lilian S. Bourne, fourth assistant, from Oct. 13, 1890.

Sherwin District. — Wesley C. Ginn, sub-master, from Oct. 16, 1890.

Francis-street Kindergarten. — Bertha F. Cushman, assistant, from Sept. 23 to Oct 17, 1890, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Franklin District. — Marietta S. Murch, third assistant, sixth year, from Nov. 3, 1890. Election of teachers on probation.

Gaston District. — Clara A. Sharp, second assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

George Putnam District. — Blanche A. Morrill, third assistant, from Sept. 22, 1890.

Lowell District. — Jane J. Wood, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Lyman District. — Herbert L. Morse, sub-master, fifth year, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Minot District. — Kate S. Gunn, second assistant, Primary, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Kindergartens.

Baldwin School. — Hattie M. Holden, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

George Putnam School. — Lena P. Stacy, assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890.

Jamaica Plain School. — Esther F. McDermott, assistant, from Oct. 9, 1890.

Stoughton School. — Alice D. Hall, assistant, from Oct. 20, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Charles Sumner District. — Maud G. Leadbetter, first assistant; Martha W. Hanley, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Dwight District. — Clara P. Wardwell, third assistant.

Minot District. — Edna A. Hill, fourth assistant.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Lura M. Power, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Phillips School. — Bessie L. Preston, assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Wells School. — Emily A. Evans, Mary J. Murray, assistants, from Oct. 9, 1890; Jane J. Wood, assistant, from Oct. 13, 1890.

Accepted.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools.

Head Assistants. — Henry K. Burrison, Albert H. Munsell, from Oct. 20, 1890.

Assistants. — Herbert W. Adams, Ralph W. Allen, Annie E. Blake, W. Bertha Hintz, John L. Frisbee, L. Alma Comstock, William L. Judkins, Daniel F. Santry, Fred W. Hersey, Wallace Bryant, Harold H. Brown, Henry H. Kendall, William P. Edwards, Henry W. Poor, James Brough, Charlotte J. Emmins, from Oct. 20, 1890.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of teacher.

Martin District. — Eleanor F. Lang, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Hillside District, the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

Election of principals of Evening Schools.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of Evening Elementary Schools for the term 1890–91: —

Agassiz School. — John T. Gibson, from Oct. 20, 1890.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Phillips School. — John E. Butler, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Winship, and Daniels a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. The committee having attended to their duty reported the whole number of votes to be 16: necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. John T. Gibson, John S. Richardson, and John E. Butler each had 16 votes, and were accordingly declared elected principals of the designated Evening Schools.

Principals elected.

Leave of absence to teachers: substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leaves of absence were granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Ida W. Curtis.

Brighton High School. — Ida W. Curtis, assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Almira Bixby, substitute.

Annie M. Olsson, substitute.

East Boston High School. — Annie M. Olsson, substitute for Kate W. Cushing, granted leave of absence.

Annie M. Crozier.

Chapman District. — Annie M. Crozier, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891.

Annie W. Ford.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Annie W. Ford, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891.

Sarah E. Welch.

John A. Andrew District. — Sarah E. Welch, fourth assistant, until Dec. 1, 1890; Annie M. Driscoll, substitute.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Examination of candidates for certificates, special grade, sewing, kindergartens, schools of cookery.

Ordered, That from this date the Board of Supervisors shall not admit to an examination for certificates of qualification, special grade, instructors in sewing, in kindergartens, and in schools of cookery, any person who is not a graduate of the Boston Normal School, or of one of the State Normal Schools, unless such person has had at least one year's experience in teaching school. All orders passed by the Board, contrary to the above, are hereby rescinded.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Closing of Primary Schools in June, 1891.

Ordered, That the Primary Schools close the present school year June 23, 1891, and that the annual School Festival take place on the Saturday following.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Text-book in chemistry. [See page 203.]

Ordered, That Shepard's Chemistry be authorized for use as a text-book in the fourth-year classes of the High Schools.

The order passed unanimously, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

Report of Special Committee on Historical Instruction in High Schools. [See pp. 172, 186.]

Mr. Blake, for the Special Committee on Historical Instruction in the High Schools, presented the report of that committee in print. [Sch. Doc. 22, 1890.]

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report was specially assigned for consideration at 8 o'clock at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Special assistant in German in Brighton High School.

Ordered, That C. F. Richard Hochdorfer be appointed special assistant in German in the Brighton High School, to serve three hours a week; and that he be

paid at the rate of four dollars ($4) per week of actual service.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered. That William T. Strong, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the tenth year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 8, 1890. Salary of William T. Strong.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order concerning the expediency of modifying the course of study for Primary Schools (page 6, Document 16, 1890), reported that as the expense of the proposed introduction of manual training contemplated in the new course of study for Primary Schools need not exceed three thousand dollars, your committee recommend that no change be made in the course of study. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: — Report of Committee on Examinations; modification of course of study for Primary Schools. [See page 186.]

Ordered, That a fixed annual appropriation be made for manual training in the public schools.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — May 13 — a communication from James C. Tucker, Superintendent of Public Buildings, to the effect that the authority for the purchase of and delivery of fuel for school purposes is hereafter vested in the School Committee, reported that the matter has been attended to, and no further action is necessary. Report of Committee on Supplies, communication from Supt. of Public Buildings, purchase and delivery of fuel for school purposes. [See page 114.]

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Harriet A. Neil, principal of the Salary of Harriet A. Neil.

Prince Kindergarten, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 8, 1890.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Establishment of a Kindergarten in East-street School-house.

Ordered, That the School Board authorize the establishment of a Kindergarten in the East-street School-house, Winthrop District.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Payment of salary due Harlan P. Gage.

Ordered, That the salary due Harlan P. Gage, late master of the Hugh O'Brien School, be paid to Henry C. Knight, guardian of the children of Mr. Gage.

Petition for Evening School in George Putnam School-house.

Mr. Humphreys presented a petition signed by fifty-two residents of Boston Highlands and neighborhood, requesting that an Evening School be opened in the George Putnam School-house.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Special assignment, reports of Special Committee on Co-education of Sexes. [See pp. 85, 176, 187, 206.]

On motion of Mr. Green, the special assignment, being the majority and minority reports of the Special Committee on the Co-education of the Sexes, was taken up.

Mr. Green moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion to indefinitely postpone the whole subject of co-education of the sexes passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller, and Messrs. Blake, Capen, Daniels, Elliott, Emery, Green, Pettigrove, Schindler, Swasey, and Whittemore. — 13.

Nays: Miss Hastings and Messrs. W. S. Allen, Humphreys, Mecuen, Packard, and Winship. — 6.

Absent: Miss Pingree, Messrs. S. B. Allen, Mowry, and O'Grady. — 4.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Sarah J. Knight fifty-three and 20-100 dollars ($53.20), being the amount of the tax for 1890 on land recently purchased, the same to be charged to the appropriation for land in Bunker Hill District, Charlestown.

Payment of taxes on school-house site, Cambridge street, Charlestown. [See page 184.]

Mr. Capen presented a petition signed by J. Adams Brown and 100 others, and another petition signed by Randall G. Morris and 114 others, residents of West Roxbury, praying for increased school accommodations in the Mount Vernon District.

Petitions for increased school accommodations in Mt. Vernon District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order that a school of cookery be established in the Bartlett-street School, Dillaway District, reported that the Division Committee had withdrawn their request for such school, and therefore no further action on the order was necessary.

Report of Committee on Manual Training Schools; school of cookery in Bartlett-street School-house. [See page 187.]

The report was accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — an order that more Cooking Schools be established, so that children living in the outlying districts shall not have so great a distance to travel to and from each attendance, reported that two more Cooking Schools were needed at once, and will be established as soon as the necessary amount can be obtained.

Report of Committee on Manual Training Schools; additional schools of cookery. [See page 26.]

The report was accepted.

Mr. Capen offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Nov. 4 and Dec. 9, 1890, because of the general use of the school buildings for polling-places on those days.

Sessions of public schools suspended on Nov. 4 and Dec. 9.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following: —

Text-book in Latin.

Ordered, That Daniell's "Exercises in Latin Composition" be authorized as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Additional school accommodations in Mather District.

Ordered, That another room be fitted up in the old Almshouse for the accommodation of pupils in the Mather District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Oct. 28, 1890.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred from April 1 to November 1, being seven months' payments of the present financial year, the same being exclusive of expenditures for furniture, repairs, and the cost for new school-houses.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1890–91.	November Draft.	Expenditures, 7 months, 1890–91.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,350,000 00	$116,387 03	$765,200 13	$584,799 87
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,500 00	5,003 33	34,879 00	24,621 00
Salaries, Janitors . . .	104,500 00	8,769 71	59,016 13	45,483 87
Fuel, Gas, and Water .	80,200 00	1,564 78	54,507 48	25,692 52
Supplies and Incidental Expenses	90,349 31	5,273 88	63,979 49	26,369 82
	$1,684,549 31	$136,998 73	$977,582 23	$706,967 08
School-house Repairs, etc.	228,500 00	Under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.		
Gibson Heating App.,	3,000 00			
Prince Yard-wall . .	500 00			
Stoughton Heating App.	3,000 00			
	$1,919,549 31			

As compared with the corresponding time last year: —

Salaries of instructors, increased	$15,535 29
Salaries of officers, increased	900 67
Salaries of janitors, increased	1,340 11
Supplies and incidental expenses, increased	1,468 86
	$19,244 93
Fuel, gas, and water, decreased	3,576 71
Increase for seven months	$15,668 22

The appropriation remaining will permit of the same ratio of increase in expenses for the next five months as has been incurred for the past seven months.

For the Committee on Accounts,

GEORGE R. SWASEY, *Chairman.*

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Julia A. C. Gray, deceased, late third assistant in the Comins School, be paid to her brother, William R. Gray.

Payment of salary due Julia A. C. Gray.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order concerning the payment of an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) to James C. Tucker, Superintendent of Public Buildings of the city of Boston, for services in superintending the repairs and alterations on school property, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order: —

Report of Committee on Accounts; compensation to Supt. of Public Buildings. [See page 204.]

Ordered, That there be paid to James C. Tucker, Superintendent of Public Buildings of the city of Boston, fourteen hundred dollars ($1,400) annually, commencing April 1, 1890, in equal monthly instalments, for services in superintending the repairs and alterations of school property, the same to be charged to the appropriation for School-houses, public buildings.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the order was amended by striking out the word "annually," and substituting therefor the words "for the year."

The order as amended passed.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 11, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Miss Pingree and Messrs. Elliott, O'Grady, Whittemore, and Winship.

On motion of Mr. S. B. Allen, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

The Honorable the School Committee: —

GENTLEMEN, — Chapter 3, Section 6, of the Revised Ordinances provides that the salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, who is required to "perform any appropriate duties devolved upon him by a vote of the . . . School Committee" (Rev. Ord., Ch. 33, Sect. 3), shall be in full for all services, unless a change is made by ordinance. An order of the School Committee is not an ordinance. For this reason I return unsigned the order of the Honorable the School Committee ordering the payment of $1,400 to the Superintendent of Public Buildings for services rendered or to be rendered. The order of the Honorable the School Committee, passed on October 28, and received at this office on November 3, is herewith returned under Stat. 1885, Ch. 266, Sect. 10.

Communication from the Mayor, returning unsigned the order relating to salary of Superintendent of Public Buildings. [See pp. 204, 221, 222.]

Respectfully,
THOMAS N. HART,
Mayor.

Nov. 11, 1890.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Oct. 30, 1890.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to report to the Common Council the expediency of holding one session per day in

Communication from Common Council, one daily session in schools.

any or all of the Primary or Grammar Schools in the city proper or suburban districts during the winter, or entire school year.

Passed in Common Council, Oct. 30, 1890.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Bell J. Dunham, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1890.

Dwight District. — Jennie I. Kendall, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Dwight District. — Edith K. Hodsdon, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Emerson District. — Martha S. Harding, from Nov. 6, 1890.

Franklin District. — Lillian Tishler, from Nov. 10, 1890.

Prince District. — Grace S. Peirce, from Nov. 6, 1890.

Quincy District. — Susan L. Mara, from Nov. 6, 1890; Mary E. O'Neil, from Nov. 5, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Allston District. — Margaret C. Hunt, third assistant, from Oct. 27, 1890.

Dearborn District. — Helen Doherty, third assistant, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1890; Hattie D. Field, fourth assistant, from Oct. 20, 1890.

Gibson District. — Emily A. Evans, third assistant, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Hancock District. — Mary A. Cooke, third assistant, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 16, 1890, inclusive; J. Gertrude Mulloney, third assistant, from Oct. 16, 1890.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Emil C. Pfeiffer, submaster, from Oct. 15, 1890.

Hyde District. — Celia Bamber, fourth assistant, from Nov. 10, 1890.

Drake School. — Julia M. Murphy, teacher of cookery, from Sept. 15, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Frothingham District. — Susan T. Dundon, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890. Election of teachers on probation.

Gibson District. — Abby A. Hayward, third assistant, fifth year, from Dec. 1, 1890.

Harvard District. — Theresa G. Power, fourth assistant, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Sherwin District. — Frederick L. Owen, Jr., submaster, from Nov. 10, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bowdoin District. — S. Frances Perry, second assistant; Martha T. O'Hea, third assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Dwight District. — Sara Mock, fourth assistant.

Franklin District. — Minnie B. Lincoln, third assistant.

Stoughton District. — H. Adelaide Sullivan, fourth assistant.

Horace Mann School. — Kate F. Hobart, assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers in Evening Schools.

Evening High School, East Boston Branch. — Assistant, Samuel Harrington, from Oct. 8, 1890.

Franklin School. — Assistants, Annie J. O'Brien, from Oct. 10, 1890; Martha C. McGowan, Lucy S. Smith, from Oct. 14, 1890; Emma H. Nye, from Oct. 22, 1890; Mary E. McCarty, from Oct. 27, 1890.

Hancock School. — Assistants, Agnes J. Hallahan, from Oct. 10, 1890; Celia V. Leen, from Oct. 14, 1890.

Wells School. — Assistant, Nellie L. P. Uihlein, from Oct. 29, 1890.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Hancock District. — Emma L. Mitchell, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Oct. 16, 1890.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Anna M. Prescott.

Bunker Hill District. — Anna M. Prescott, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Mary E. Keyes, substitute.

Jennie L. Waterbury.

Chapman District. — Jennie L. Waterbury, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891.

Ruth H. Brady.

Dudley District. — Ruth H. Brady, third assistant, until Feb. 1, 1891; Josephine W. Greenlaw, substitute.

Laura S. Plummer.

Emerson District. — Laura S. Plummer, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891.

Franklin District. — Maude G. Hopkins, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1890, to June 1, 1891. Maude G. Hopkins.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Elizabeth R. Wallis, second assistant, Primary School, until Jan. 1, 1891; Annie M. Trundy, substitute. Mary F. McDonald, substitute for Annie W. Ford, fourth assistant, granted leave of absence. Elizabeth R. Wallis. Mary F. McDonald, substitute.

Accepted.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted the following report: — Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; leave of absence to teachers on half pay. [See pp. 76, 77.]

At a meeting of the Board, March 11, 1890, the following order was referred to this committee: —

Ordered, That after every ninth year of service in the schools of this city, teachers shall be entitled to a leave of absence of one year on half pay. The other half of the salary in each case shall be applied by the committees in charge to pay for the services of necessary substitutes; and in no case shall the application of this rule entail any expense to the city beyond that of the regular salaries.

Your committee have considered the order, and are in favor of the proposition contained therein. It seems to be a wise and proper provision, and though all teachers may not avail themselves of the privilege, yet it will be a source of great relief to teachers to feel that in case of necessity the opportunity will be afforded them to recuperate their health and strength.

It appears to your committee to be wiser not to provide that this leave of absence shall be the right of a teacher, but that a teacher, entitled by service to the privilege, may apply for such leave. We recognize that some may say that this can be done now, — why legislate unnecessarily? In reply to such question your committee would answer that teachers cannot at present under any rule, and do not in fact, apply for leave of absence for one year on account of impaired health, and there is, we believe, no instance where a leave of absence for a year has been granted except to those who desired to devote the year to self-improvement at home or abroad, and then only under the condition, — without pay. It is true that teachers have been out of the service on leave of absence for a period covering one year, but this has been allowed by several orders passed by the Board, from time to time, granting extended leave of absence.

By providing by rule for this matter, teachers will then understand that they have the right to apply for leave of absence for one year under the conditions stated.

Many reasons for making the matter permissive and not obligatory might be cited, but the following, we think, will be sufficient: —

1. It may be possible that a teacher after nine years' service does not need or care for a year's leave, and it is not intended that she should be compelled to take it. It does not seem just, however, that a teacher should *lose* her right to apply for extended rest when necessary or desirable because she did not exercise such right at the expiration of her nine years' service.

2. It may be possible that several teachers in one school might be entitled to and ask for a year's leave of absence at the same time; and if such requests were granted the result might be that the school work would be seriously interfered with.

If the provision were made that teachers shall be entitled after nine years' service to a leave of absence for one year, they would justly have cause for grievance if the right were denied them; but if the provision be made that they might *apply* for such leave, if under peculiar circumstances their request should not be granted, they could not feel that they had been deprived of a right.

It will be necessary that applications for leave of absence for one year should be carefully considered and approved by some committee before being submitted to the Board, and as the committee in charge of a school, department, or district are most familiar with the schools and departments under their care, all applications for one year's leave should be considered and approved by the committee in charge before they are presented to the Board.

Your committee think that teachers now in the service, who have served for a period of nine years or more, should be permitted to make application for leave for one year. It is their feeling and belief that those who have given long service, and are now in want of extended rest, should have this opportunity as well as those who may hereafter enter the service. Your committee further suggest to remove all questions which may arise relative to the salaries of substitutes serving in place of teachers granted leave for one year, that they be called "special substitutes;" that they be regularly appointed by the Board; that their salaries be fixed by rule; and that they be paid as all regular instructors are paid, by the city.

The salary of a substitute serving for a teacher granted leave under the present rules is about one-half of the annual salary of the teacher absent. For instance, the pay of a substitute for a third assistant in the Grammar School, who is receiving the maximum sal-

ary of her grade, $744, is $1.86 per day of actual service. Reckoning about two hundred school days in the year, a substitute serving that time would receive $372, or one-half of the salary of the teacher.

The committee think that the proposition to pay special substitutes one-half of the salary of the teacher absent is equitable and convenient of computation.

The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows: —

SECT. 95. Add the following to the section: "After every ninth year of service in the public schools of this city, teachers may apply for leave of absence for one year on half pay. These applications shall be made to the committee in charge of the subject, school, or district taught by such teachers, and said committees, if they approve the request, shall report the same to the Board. The Board may grant or refuse to grant said request."

SECT. 124. Add the following to the section: "The salary of special substitutes (serving in place of teachers granted leave of absence for one year on half pay) shall be one-half of the salary of the teachers in whose places they are employed."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of William T. Strong. [See page 217.]

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order concerning the salary of William T. Strong, junior-master in the English High School, reported that it has been the custom of the Board for several years to place an old teacher reëntering the service and serving in the same grade as formerly on the salary received by such teacher when retiring from the service. The committee in charge intended to do this in the case of Mr. Strong, but owing to the fact that soon after Mr. Strong's original appointment the grades of male teachers in the High School were changed, Mr. Strong at the time of his resignation was receiving the salary of the tenth year of the present scale of his grade. He was renominated through error on the eighth year, and the purpose of the present order is to correct the mistake and give him the salary to which he is entitled by rule and custom.

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That William T. Strong, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the tenth year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 8, 1890.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Harriet A. Niel. [See pp. 217, 218.]

Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order concerning the salary of Harriet A. Niel, principal of the Prince Kindergarten, reported that Miss Niel had been teaching the Kindergarten in the Prince School which was maintained by Mrs. Shaw previous to its adoption last September by this Board. The Committee on Kindergartens desired that she should not be reduced in salary, and they voted to place her on the maximum salary of her grade. Under rules the committee in charge can recommend, and the Committee on Nominations may nominate, a teacher whose term of service shall begin with the salary of any year, after the first, except the last, in the series of years for that grade. This has been done, and the Board has approved the recommendation. It is necessary, however, that the maximum salary should be recommended by the Committee on Salaries. Your committee are in favor of the proposition, and report that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Harriet A. Niel, principal of the Prince Kindergarten, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 8, 1890.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salary of assistant in office of the Secretary.

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant in the office of the Secretary be fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1890.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, reported that they have examined the plans for the new Grammar School-house in the Hillside District, and for the new Primary School-houses in the Adams and Prince Districts. The opinion of the Superintendent of Schools approving said plans has been received by the committee, and the City Architect has given his opinion that these buildings can be completed within the respective appropriations already made by the City Council. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Report of the Committee on School Houses; approval of plans of new Grammar School-house in the Hillside District, and of new Primary School-houses in the Adams and Prince Districts.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to approve the plans for the new Grammar School-house in the Hillside District, and for the new Primary School-houses in the Prince and Adams Districts.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That hereafter the Pierce School be called the Henry L. Pierce School.

Name of Pierce School.

On motion of Mr Blake, the special assignment, being the report of the Special Committee on Historical Instruction in the High Schools, was further assigned to 8 o'clock of the next meeting.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Historical Instruction in High Schools further assigned. [See pp. 172, 186, 216.]

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — the petition signed by Harvey N. Shepard and others, asking that there be one session for the Munroe-street School, reported that they are in favor of providing for one session during the months of December, January, February, and March the present school year, as an experiment. They recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules: —

Report of Committee on Seventh Division. [See page 189.]

Ordered, That there be one daily session from 9 o'clock A.M. to 1 o'clock P.M. in the Munroe-street Primary School during the months of December, January, February and March, 1890–91.

Accepted.

Mr. Swasey in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, the order was laid on the table.

The President in the chair.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the following order was taken from the table: —

Closing of Primary Schools and date of School Festival, 1891.

Ordered, That the Primary Schools close the present school year June 23, 1891, and that the annual School Festival take place on the Saturday following.

Rules suspended.

The order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Special teacher of penmanship, English High School.

Ordered, That Frank M. McCutchins be appointed special teacher of penmanship in the Charlestown Branch of the Evening High School, to date from Oct. 8, 1890, and that his salary be fixed at two dollars per evening of actual service.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Petition to name Hillside School the Samuel B. Capen School.

Mrs. Keller presented a petition signed by Thomas P. Proctor and 102 others, asking that the Hillside School, and the new building about to be erected in place thereof, be named the Samuel B. Capen School.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 25, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Miss Pingree and Messrs. Blake, O'Grady, Schindler, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Pettigrove, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order took its second reading: —

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows: —

Leave of absence to teachers on half-pay; amendment of rules. [See pp. 76, 77, 227, 228, 229.]

Sect. 95. Add the following to the section: "After every ninth year of service in the public schools of this city, teachers may apply for leave of absence for one year on half pay. These applications shall be made to the committee in charge of the subject, school, or district taught by such teachers, and said committees, if they approve the request, shall report the same to the Board. The Board may grant or refuse to grant said request."

Sect. 124. Add the following to the section: "The salary of special substitutes (serving in place of teachers granted leave of absence for one year on half pay) shall be one-half of the salary of the teachers in whose places they are employed."

Passed.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Ida A. Bloom, third assistant, Oct. 31, 1890.

Brimmer District. — Nellie T. Higgins, fourth assistant, Nov. 17, 1890.

Franklin District. — Minnie B. Lincoln, Helen A. Woods, third assistants, Dec. 1, 1890.

Prescott District. — Kate M. Porter, fourth assistant, Oct. 31, 1890.

Bigelow Evening School. — George Oak, principal, Nov. 17, 1890.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT.

Special assistant.

Chapman District. — Jessie G. Paine, from Dec. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Charles C. Bruce, assistant, from Nov. 25, 1890.

Edward Everett District. — Agnes G. Wright, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Mather District. — Keziah J. Anslow, fourth assistant, from Nov. 17, 1890.

Phillips District. — Sidney E. Bailey, sub-master, from Oct. 16, 1890.

Wells District. — Jessie G. Paine, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1890.

Winthrop District. — Mary L. Hennessy, fourth assistant, from Nov. 5, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dearborn District. — Helen Doherty, third assistant, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Franklin District. — Lilian S. Bourne, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1890.

Phillips District. — Herbert S. Weaver, sub-master, sixth year, from Dec. 1, 1890.

Wells District. — Hattie C. Leatherbee, third assistant, from Sept. 11, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Gaston District. — M. Isabel Harrington, fourth assistant.

Lewis District. — Blanche L. Ormsby, fourth assistant.

Quincy District. — Margaret E. Carey, third assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Agassiz School. — Assistants, Arthur Stanley, Clarabel Gilman, Mary F. Finneran, from Oct. 20, 1890; Helen M. Durham, from Oct. 27, 1890; Sidney E. Bailey, from Nov. 17, 1890.

Allston School. — First assistant, Alexander Pearson, from Sept. 29, 1890.

Dearborn School. — First assistant, Edward P. Sherburne, from Nov. 20, 1890.

Eliot School. — Assistants, Mary E. McIntire, from Nov. 4, 1890; Edwin P. Dewey, Ellen A. Scollin, from Nov. 17, 1890.

Hancock School. — First assistant, Sigmund Pollak, from Sept. 29, 1890.

Phillips School. — First assistants, John E. Butler, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 31, 1890, inclusive; Dana J. Bugbee, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Sherwin School. — First assistant, George R. Keene, from Sept. 29, 1890.

Accepted.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Election of teacher of Evening Drawing School.

Evening Drawing School. — Assistant, Adelaide Palmer, from Nov. 24, 1890.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Gibson District. — Abby A. Hayward, third assistant on probation, to the position of third assistant on probation in the Franklin District, the transfer to date from Dec. 1, 1890.

Wells District. — Nellie M. Durgin, third assistant on probation, to the position of fourth assistant on probation in the same district, the transfer to date from Dec. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

Election of principal of Bigelow Evening School.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principal of an Evening Elementary School for the term 1890–91.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick, from Nov. 17, 1890.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Capen, Daniels, and W. S. Allen a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. John D. Philbrick had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Bigelow Evening School.

John D. Philbrick elected.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Allston District. — Josephine Rice, third assistant, until April 1, 1891; Harriet Rice, substitute. Josephine Rice.

Bigelow District. — Mary A. Cooke, substitute for Amelia B. Coe, first assistant, granted leave of absence. Mary A. Cooke, substitute.

Bowdoin District. — Mary Young, first assistant, until June 1, 1891; James W. Webster, substitute. Mary Young.

Dearborn District. — Susan F. Rowe, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1891; Mary E. McCarthy, substitute. Susan F. Rowe.

Everett District. — Mary G. Ellis, substitute for Maude G. Hopkins, third assistant, granted leave of absence. Mary G. Ellis.

Prescott District. — Minnie E. Ward, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Katharine A. McMahon, substitute. Minnie E. Ward.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for Committee on Sewing, it was

Ordered, That in schools where no other manual training is given, the boys in the fifth and sixth classes may be allowed to take sewing. Instruction in sewing to boys.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, it was

Ordered, That the use of a room in the Sharp School-house, Anderson street, be granted to the Moral Education Association on Saturday forenoons, beginning Jan. 1, 1891, for the purpose of giving instruction to children in the neighborhood in housekeeping, etc., the same to be without expense to the city. Use of room in Sharp School-house granted to Moral Education Association.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported the death of Juliaette Davis, late second assistant, Primary School, in the Eliot District. Death of Juliaette Davis.

Placed on file.

Mr. Mowry, for the Committee on Physical Training, who were authorized — June 24 — to nominate suitable persons for the positions of Director of Physical Training and assistants, reported the following nomination of a Report of Committee on Physical Training: Directors of Physical Training. [See pp. 151, 165, 166.]

Director of Physical Training. The committee do not deem it advisable to nominate assistants at this time, but prefer to wait until the director shall have been appointed, and shall have looked over the entire ground, and formulated his plan of work.

Director of Physical Training. — Edward M. Hartwell, from Jan. 1, 1891.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Mowry, Green, and Packard, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Edward M. Hartwell had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Director of Physical Training, to date from Jan. 1, 1891.

Edward M. Hartwell elected.

On motion of Mr. Whittemore, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salary of Director of Physical Training.

Ordered, That the salary of the Director of Physical Training be fixed at the rate of three thousand dollars ($3,000) per annum, to date from Jan. 1, 1891.

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; petition to name Hillside School the Samuel B. Capen School. [See page 232.]

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 11 — a petition signed by Thomas P. Proctor and one hundred and two others, asking that the new Grammar School-house to be erected in the Hillside District be called the Samuel B. Capen School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the new Grammar School-house in the Hillside District be called the Samuel B. Capen School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sanitary arrangements in the Bailey-street School-house, Stoughton District, be improved. Sanitary Improvements in Bailey-street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Winship presented a petition, signed by Isaac Pratt, Jr., and thirty-seven others, asking that a new Grammar School-house be erected on the lot of land called the Everett School Lot, in Brighton. Petition for new Grammar School-house in Brighton.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Winship presented a petition, signed by Samuel N. Davenport and thirty-eight others, asking that a new High School-house be erected in Brighton, on some suitable lot, centrally located. Petition for new High School-house in Brighton.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Ordered, That Enebuske's Progressive Gymnastic Day's Orders be authorized for use as a reference book in all the public schools (one copy for the desk of each teacher). Text-book in gymnastics.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Harkness's New Easy Latin Method be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools, in place of Harkness's Complete Course in Latin for the First Year. Text-book in Latin.

Laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Green, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order that Daniell's Exercises in Latin Composition be authorized as a text-book in the High and Latin Schools, reported that the order be referred to the favorable consideration of the Board of next year. Report of Committee on Text-Books. Daniell's Exercises in Latin. [See page 250.]

Accepted.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Historical Instruction in High Schools. [See pp. 172, 186, 216, 231.]

On motion of Mr. Emery, the special assignment, being the report of the Special Committee on Historical Instruction in the High Schools, was taken up.

The report was accepted.

The following orders were appended to the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Board of Supervisors be directed to revise the Special Topics of the Course of Study in History, found in the Appendix to School Document No. 29, 1877, and to issue the same as a new school document.

2. *Ordered*, That Fredet's Modern History; Sanderson's Epitome of the World's History; Labberton's Historical Atlas and General History; Tillinghast's Ploetz's Epitome of Ancient, Mediæval, and Modern History; Adams' Manual of Historical Literature; and Fisher's Outlines of Universal History, — be authorized as books of reference in the High Schools, one or more copies to be supplied in each class-room where history is taught, and under the direction of the Committee on High Schools and the Superintendent of Schools.

3. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to expend a sum, not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purchase of books of reference, to be supplied in the manner suggested in the preceding order.

Mr. Emery moved to amend the second order by striking out the words "Fredet's Modern History;" and inserting in place thereof the words "McCarthy's History of the World."

Mr. Mecuen moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

Lost.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, further consideration of the subject was specially assigned to 8 o'clock of the next meeting.

The Chair presented a communication, signed by J. B. Dunn, Secretary of the Committee of One Hundred, relative to reference books in history.

Communication from Committee of One Hundred; reference books in history.

Placed on file.

Miss Hastings, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted.

Annual report of the Committee on Horace Mann School.

On motion of Miss Hastings, it was

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Annual Report of the Horace Mann School be printed.

Edition of report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the salary due George Perkins, deceased, late sub-master in the Phillips School, be paid to his widow, Mrs. Mary A. Perkins.

Payment of salary due George Perkins.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order that a fixed annual appropriation be made for manual training in the public schools, reported, recommending that the matter be referred to the Committee on Accounts of next year.

Report of Committee on Accounts; appropriation for manual training schools. [See page 217.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to transfer from the appropriation for 1890–91, granted the School Committee, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars ($6,500), to the appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings, the same to be used for furniture, alterations, and repairs of school buildings, under the direction and upon the draft of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Transfer of appropriation to School-houses, Public Buildings.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, presented the following: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., NOV. 25, 1890.

Appropriations and expenditures.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred from April 1 to December 1, being eight months' payments of the present financial year, the same being exclusive of expenditures for furniture, repairs, and the cost for new school-houses.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1890–91.	December Draft.	Expenditures, 8 months, 1890–91.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,350,000 00	$122,188 79	$887,388 92	$462,611 08
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,500 00	5,053 33	39,932 33	19,567 67
Salaries, Janitors . . .	104,500 00	8,987 97	68,004 10	36,495 90
Fuel, Gas, and Water .	80,200 00	667 08	55,174 56	25,025 44
Supplies and Incidental Expenses	90,652 25	3,654 07	67,633 56	23,018 69
	$1,684,852 25	$140,551 24	$1,118,133 47	$566,718 78
School-house Repairs, etc.	228,500 00	Under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.		
Gibson Heating App.,	3,000 00			
Prince Yard-wall . .	500 00			
Stoughton Heating App.	3,000 00			
	$1,919,852 25			

As compared with the corresponding time last year: —

Salaries of instructors, increased		$19,165 25
Salaries of officers, increased		1,090 67
Salaries of janitors, increased		1,662 61
		$21,918 53
Supplies and incidental expenses, decreased,	$1,227 10	
Fuel, gas, and water, decreased . .	4,160 01	
		5,387 11
Increase for eight months		$16,531 42

For the Committee on Accounts,

GEORGE R. SWASEY, *Chairman.*

Placed on file.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the session of the Evening Schools be suspended on the evening of Friday, Nov. 28, 1890.

Sessions of Evening Schools suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, the order relative to one daily session in the Munroe-street Primary School was taken from the table.

One daily session for Munroe-street school. [See pp. 189, 231, 232.]

Mr. Capen in the chair.

On motion of Mr. S. B. Allen, the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. W. S. Allen, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 9, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Miss Pingree and Messrs. S. B. Allen, Elliott, O'Grady, and Schindler.

On motion of Mr. Meenen, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; amendment of city ordinance relative to Superintendent of Public Buildings.

CITY OF BOSTON.

In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 33 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1890.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows: —

SECTION 1. Chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1890 is hereby amended by adding to section three the following words: "And he may receive such compensation as the School Committee may fix for his services to said committee."

In Board of Aldermen, November 10, 1890. Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, December 4, concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, December 6, 1890.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Opinion of Corporation Counsel, leave of absence to teachers for one year on half pay.

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
Dec. 9, 1890.

HON. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER, *President of the School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — In reply to your inquiry as to whether it is in the

power of the School Committee to establish the following rule, to wit: —

"After every ninth year of service in the public schools of this city, teachers may apply for leave of absence for one year on half pay. These applications shall be made to the committee in charge of the subject, school, or district taught by such teachers, and said committee, if they approve the request, shall report the same to the Board. The Board may grant, or refuse to grant, said request."

"The salary of special substitutes (serving in place of teachers granted leave of absence on half pay) shall be one-half of the salary of the teachers in whose places they are employed."

I assume that the purpose of adopting such rule is not merely to grant to a teacher in an exceptional case the leave of absence mentioned, but to establish (and announce) a policy and scheme, pursuant to which such applications may, and in some (perhaps all) cases shall be granted; and the real inquiry is, whether the Board has power to do that.

The law gives very large powers to the School Committee in respect to the selection, compensation, and control of teachers in our public schools. It expressly provides that they shall fix the compensation of teachers, and have the "supervision and direction of the public schools."

I have recently had occasion to say that the City Council cannot interfere with the School Committee in the matter of the residence of teachers, the amount of their salaries, or the selection of text-books or studies; but it is not to be inferred from all this that there is no limit to the power over the object or way in which they can expend the public money; nor is it to be inferred that because the School Committee have the right to grant holidays, or continue the payment of salaries during temporary absences of teachers by illness, or other reasons, that there is no limit to their authority in this respect.

It has been held that the School Committee cannot continue the payment of the salary of a deceased teacher to his family; and no one would contend that the large power given to the Board in the expenditure of public money gives to the Board the right to give it away. The School Committee are *quasi* trustees, and their discretion is a legal discretion.

The power of cities and towns in the expenditure of money raised by taxation for public purposes (and it can be raised for no other purposes), like police powers, is limited to what is reasonably necessary to accomplish the public end or purpose for which the power is given; and, in the exercise of such powers, valid legal distinctions often rest on mere differences of degree. The Supreme

Judicial Court has recently said that "a difference of degree is one of the distinctions by which the right to exercise such powers is determined." This is only saying that a thing to a certain extent is right and proper, but extended further in the same direction becomes improper and illegal.

The cases of the abuses of powers nearly all grow out of the unreasonable use of powers which, exercised to a certain extent, are right and proper. It is not always easy to fix or state the limit where the exercise of such powers ceases to be proper: to determine that is the province of sound judgment and reason; and it is not for everything from which the public may derive some benefit, that money raised by taxation may be expended. "The promotion of the interests of individuals either in respect to property or business, although it may result incidentally in the advancement of the public welfare, is in its essential character a private and not a public object." Lowell *v.* Boston, 111 Mass. 461.

I suppose, for example, that our schools might be benefited if every teacher employed therein should have had a collegiate education, and the committee might make that a condition of their employment; but no one will contend that money raised by taxation for our public schools could be used, without further legislative authority, in furnishing to teachers or candidates a collegiate education. Pensions are given to firemen and policemen only by special express authority of the Legislature.

Perhaps it is within the scope of an answer to your question to refer to one feature of the rule, as reported, — it contains no statement of any condition, requirement, or qualification (except the nine years service) upon, or by which, the Board will grant, or refuse to grant, such leaves of absence; but it is left to the arbitrary determination or pleasure of the Board, which, I think, might give opportunity for, and be likely to lead to, charges of partiality and favoritism, which would render it obnoxious and odious.

I am not able to say that it would be illegal for the School Committee, under any circumstances, or in any possible case, to grant to a teacher a leave of absence for a year on half pay, because I cannot say that in all cases, without exception, it would be unreasonable and not within the discretionary powers of the Board; but I am of the opinion that the adoption of such a rule, and granting such leave of absence as a practice and policy of the Board, would stand upon doubtful legal authority. So far, certainly, as it is in the nature of a pension merely, it would not be within any of the powers given to the Board. And it appears to me that the benefits which might accrue to the schools from such a practice and policy would be

too casual, uncertain, and remote to warrant the expenditure of the amount which would naturally follow.

Very respectfully,

J. B. RICHARDSON,

Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS.

Special assistants.

Quincy District. — Helena F. Leary, from Dec. 1, 1890.

Field's Corner Kindergarten. — Milla H. Temple, from Oct. 20, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Lena M. Wills, assistant, from Dec. 10, 1890.

Adams District. — Sarah R. Dodge, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Bigelow District. — Florence E. Neill, fourth assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Comins District. — Margaret A. McGuire, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Dearborn District. — Sarah A. Driscoll, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Emerson District. — Sarah A. Bond, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Gaston District. — Mary S. Laughton, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Hancock District. — Annie M. Niland, fourth assistant, from Dec. 15, 1890. Annie R. Dolan, Catherine W. Fraser, fourth assistants, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Harris District. — Mary Polk, fourth assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Hyde District. — Ada M. Fitts, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

John A. Andrew District. — Bertha E. Miller, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Lawrence District. — Winifred M. Clarkson, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Lincoln District. — Ellen A. McMahon, third assistant, Ellen V. Courtney, fourth assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Phillips District. — Angie P. S. Andrews, fourth assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Sherwin District. — Ellen L. Brown, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Stoughton District. — Elizabeth L. B. Stearns, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Florence Harlow, third assistant, from Dec. 15, 1890.

Wells District. — Mary F. Finneran, fourth assistant, from Nov. 20, 1890.

Drake School. — Julia M. Murphy, teacher of cookery, from Dec. 15, 1890.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bigelow District. — Mattie A. Goodrich, third assistant, fifth year, from Nov. 3, 1890.

Gibson District. — Emily A. Evans, third assistant, from Nov. 17, 1890.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Alice W. Emerson, third assistant.

Dudley District. — Frances Zirngiebel, third assistant.

Gibson District. — Annie H. Pitts, third assistant; Annie C. McFarland, fourth assistant.

Lincoln District. — Martha F. Wright, first assistant; Sarah A. Curran, second assistant.

Thomas N. Hart District. — Sarah M. Tripp, second assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Bigelow School. — Assistant, Julia G. Leary, from Nov. 21, 1890.

Franklin School. — Assistant, Mary E. O'Neill, from Oct. 21, 1890.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Elizabeth G. Melcher.

Comins District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, first assistant, until March 1, 1891; Mary V. Gormley, substitute.

Mary C. R. Towle.

Dwight District. — Mary C. R. Towle, second assistant, until March 1, 1891.

Harriet A. Darling.

Edward Everett District. — Harriet A. Darling, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1891; Isabel W. Davis, substitute.

Almy C. Plummer.

Harris District. — Almy C. Plummer, third assistant, until July 1, 1891; Mary N. Regan, substitute.

Alice M. Robinson.

Hillside District. — Alice M. Robinson, third assistant, until Feb. 1, 1891; Jennie A. Dodson, substitute.

Nellie J. Breed.

Prescott District. — Nellie J. Breed, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1891; Theresa E. Hayes, substitute.

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Albert S. Perkins, junior-master in the Dorchester High School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his grade, to date from Oct. 10, 1890.

Salary of Albert S. Perkins.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom were referred — Oct. 14 and Nov. 25, 1890 — an order and a petition relative to the erection of a new building for the Brighton High School, reported that inasmuch as the demands of other sections seem more pressing, this request must necessarily be considered at some future time, and therefore the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Report of Committee on School Houses; new building for Brighton High School. [See pp. 205, 239.]

Ordered, That the subject of providing a new building for the Brighton High School be referred to the next School Board.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 25 — a petition of residents of West Roxbury for a new school-house near Central Station, reported that there are four other requests for new school-houses in that ward which, in the opinion of this committee, are more imperative, and they therefore report that no further action be taken on this petition at the present time.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition for new school-house at Central Station, West Roxbury. [See page 60.]

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order that the wings of the Allston Grammar School-house be raised so as to provide four additional rooms, reported that in their judgment it is inexpedient to take action in the matter referred. It is probable that any needed increase in school accommodations in Allston and vicinity may be

Report of Committee on School Houses; enlargement of Allston School-house. [See page 204.]

provided for, as the committee are now considering a proposition to erect a new building in that vicinity.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School House; additional accommodations for Dorchester High School. [See page 184.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order that additional accommodations be provided for the Dorchester High School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the present Dorchester High School-house so as to provide six additional rooms.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary School-house in Dearborn District. [See page 105.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 22 — an order relative to the erection of a new Primary School-house in the Dearborn District, reported that the present Eustis-street School-house has long been recognized as an unsuitable building for school purposes. It has frequently been condemned, and, notwithstanding the expenditures to improve its sanitary condition, still remains unfit to be longer used for school purposes. The site of the present building seems to be conveniently located, and a new building should be erected in place of the present one. Your committee recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new four-room Primary School-house on the site of the present Eustis-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide temporary accommodations for the Primary School children in the Dearborn District during the time occupied in building the new school-house on Eustis street.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new school houses. [See pp. 75, 142, 143, 185, 219.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, reported that the following petitions and orders relative to new school-houses have been referred to this committee: —

March 11. — Order for a new four-room Primary School-house in the Dillaway District.

June 10. — Communication from the Harvard Improvement Association of Dorchester for a new Grammar School-house in the Gibson District.

Sept. 23. — Petition of residents of Ward 23 for a new school-house near the junction of Hyde Park avenue and Canterbury street.

Oct. 28. — Petitions of J. Adams Brown and 100 others and of Randall J. Morris and 114 others, for increased school accommodations in the Mount Vernon District.

The attention of the committee has been called to the necessity of providing increased school accommodations in the Agassiz District, and a new building to replace the present Primary School-house on Baker street, Mount Vernon District.

The committee, after careful investigation, are of the opinion that these requests are urgent, and that the new buildings asked for are needed, and that they should be provided as soon as possible. In accordance with law, and to enable the committee to act wisely and with proper regard to the city's interest in the selection of sites for these buildings, they ask for authority to advertise for proposals for land for the new school-houses, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to advertise for proposals for land for school purposes as follows: —

Land for new Primary School-house near junction of Hyde Park avenue and Ashland street, West Roxbury.

Land for new Grammar School-house in the Mount Vernon District.

Land for the enlargement of the present lot of the Agassiz School-house.

Land for new Primary School-house in the Dillaway District.

Land for new Grammar School-house in the Gibson District.

Land for new Primary School-house on Baker street, in the Mount Vernon District.

Land for new Primary School-house near junction of Washington street and Beech street, West Roxbury.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; sanitary improvements in Bailey-street School-house. [See page 239.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 25 — an order concerning the improvement of the sanitary arrangements of the Bailey-street School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to improve the sanitary arrangements in the Bailey-street School-house, in the Stoughton District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional school accommodations in Mather District. [See page 220.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order for additional school accommodations in the Mather District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up another room in the old Almshouse for the accommodation of the pupils in the Mather District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; Johnson Valve Service in Harvard Hill Primary School house. [See page 205.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order relative to introducing the Johnson Valve Service into the Harvard Hill Primary School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to introduce the Johnson Valve Service — a heat-regulating apparatus — into the Harvard Hill Primary School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Edward Atkinson; fire-escapes in school-houses. [See pp. 69, 70, 71.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 11 — the communication from Edward Atkinson, relative to fire-escapes on school buildings, reported that this subject has been considered by the committee, and they recognize the importance of the matter. Last year the Superintendent of Public Buildings included in his estimates a sum for this purpose, but the amount was not appropriated. It is probable that a request for an appropriation for this specific purpose will be presented to the City Council next February, when the estimates for the different departments for the year 1891–92 are submitted.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; petition for change in location of school-house at Oak square. [See page 7.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 13 — a petition signed by E. P. Champney and others, residents of Oak square, Brighton, for the removal of the school-house in that place to some more suitable location, reported that no action is needed at the present time, as the reasons which called forth the petition are now inoperative.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication concerning the use of school-house yards by children. [See page 88.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 25 — the communication of Robert Treat Paine and others concerning the use of school yards as playgrounds for the children, reported that the matter has received the attention of this committee, and no further action thereon is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from City Council; gymnasiums in school-houses. [See page 154.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 24 — a communication from the City Council requesting the School Committee to instruct the City Architect to provide rooms for gymnasium apparatus in all plans of Grammar and High School-houses hereafter drawn by him, reported that the committee are at present inclined to the opinion that gymnasiums are desirable in the school-houses. They believe, however, that it would be wiser to wait until the system of physical exercises, recently adopted by the Board, has been longer in operation, and until they can avail themselves of the experience and advice of the Director of Physical Training who is to begin his services the first of January. To recommend at once, with their present information, that gymnasiums should be provided for in new school-houses, would be a source of considerable expense, and this at a time when the absolute necessity should be firmly established before any money is appropriated. Your committee, therefore, recommend that no action be taken upon the matter at this time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; boundary lines Chapman and Emerson Districts. [See pp. 163, 164.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom were referred — June 24 — orders relating to changes in the boundary lines of the Chapman and Emerson Districts, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Chapman and Emerson Districts be hereafter as follows: —

Chapman District. — Beginning at Mystic river and running easterly by the centres of Central square and Bennington street to Brooks street; thence by the centres of Brooks, Lexington, and Putnam streets to Chelsea creek; thence by the water to the point of beginning.

Emerson District. — Comprises all that portion of

East Boston lying easterly of a line commencing at Chelsea creek, and running by the centres of Putnam, Lexington, Brooks, Bennington, and Marion streets to the shore of Boston Harbor.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; boundary lines of Mather and Gibson Districts. [See pp. 84, 85.]

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 25 — an order proposing changes in the boundary lines of the Mather and Gibson Districts, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the boundary lines between the Mather and Gibson Districts be rearranged as follows: —

From Quincy street by centre of Mount Everett street to corner of Mount Everett street and Hamilton avenue; thence by a direct line to Pilgrim place; thence by centres of Pilgrim place, Richfield street, and Puritan avenue, across the fields to junction of Olney-street place and Olney street; thence by centres of Olney street, an unnamed street, and Bowdoin street, to a point opposite the end of Geneva avenue; thence across the fields to Westville street; thence by centres of Westville and Gibson streets to the railroad.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Humphreys, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Temporary school accommodations in the Lowell District.

Ordered, That temporary accommodations for two additional classes be provided in the Lowell District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Humphreys offered the following: —

Vacation Dec. 24, 1890; Jan. 2, 1891.

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1890, and on Friday, Jan. 2, 1891; and that the schools reopen, after the Christmas holidays, on Monday, Jan. 5, 1891.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the order was amended by inserting the word "afternoon" after the word "Wednesday."

Rules suspended.

The order as amended passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Green, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following: —

Vacation, Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the Evening Drawing Schools on the evenings of Dec. 22, 24, 26, 29, 31, 1890, and Jan. 2, 1891, and that the term of said schools be extended two weeks beyond the time provided for in the Regulations.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Green, for the Committee on Drawing, it was

Committee on Drawing to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Green, the following order was taken from the table: —

Text-book in Latin.

Ordered, That Harkness's New Easy Latin Method be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools in place of Harkness's Complete Course in Latin for the First Year.

The order passed, seventeen members voting in the affirmative.

Special assignment; report of Committee on Historical Instruction in High Schools. [See pp. 172, 186, 216, 231, 240.]

On motion of Mr. Emery, the special assignment, being the report of the Special Committee on Historical Instruction in the High Schools, was taken up.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, further consideration of the subject was specially assigned to eight o'clock of the next meeting.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Vacation in Evening Schools.

Ordered, That for the present year the Evening Schools be closed at the end of the session on Friday evening, Dec. 19, 1890, and reopened on Monday evening, Jan. 5, 1891.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to employ one or more special teachers to give instruction in the methods of carrying on manual training in the Primary Schools, the expense of said instruction not to exceed two hundred dollars ($200).

Special teachers of methods manual training in Primary Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following report: —

Report of Committee on Accounts; compensation to Superintendent of Public Buildings. [See pp. 204, 221, 222, 223, 245.]

Under date Oct. 28, 1890, the Committee on Accounts made a report and submitted an order regarding the salary to be paid James C. Tucker, Superintendent of Public Buildings of the city of Boston, for services in superintending the repairs and alterations on school property.

The order received favorable action by the School Board, and was sent to the Mayor for approval, but under date of Nov. 11, 1890, it was returned by the Mayor unsigned, it being, in his opinion, the duty of the Superintendent to do the work required by the School Committee at the salary fixed by Chapter 3, Section 6, of the Revised Ordinances.

Notice having been received that the Ordinances have been amended so that the Superintendent can receive in addition to his salary from the City Council such compensation as the School Committee may fix for his services to said committee, the passage of the following order is hereby respectfully recommended: —

Ordered, That there be paid to James C. Tucker, Superintendent of Public Buildings of the city of Boston, fourteen hundred dollars ($1,400) for the year commencing April 1, 1890, in equal monthly instalments, for services in superintending all repairs and alterations

of school property, the same to be charged to the appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings.

Accepted, and the order laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Emery, it was

Opinion of Corporation Counsel on legality of order relating to compensation to Supt. of Public Buildings.

Ordered, that the Corporation Counsel be requested to state to this Board his opinion upon the legality of the order proposed in the report of the Committee on Accounts presented this evening.

Annual report of School Committee.

Mr. Packard, for the Committee on Annual Report, submitted the annual report of the School Committee for 1890.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Packard, for the same committee, it was

Edition of annual report.

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the Report of the Committee on Annual School Report for 1890 be printed.

Mr. Capen made the following statement: —

Personal statement of Mr. Capen; naming of school Samuel B. Capen School.

At a meeting of the School Board held November 25, on the recommendation of three members of the Eighth Division Committee, it was voted that the new Grammar School-house, soon to be erected in the Hillside District, be named the "Samuel B. Capen School."

I am very grateful to the many citizens of my own ward who have so generously signed this petition, and to the many others all over the city who have personally expressed their feelings in this matter. I am also grateful to this Board, who have granted the petition, many of whom have so earnestly urged my acceptance. While I believe it is the right and privilege of communities through petition to have some voice in the naming of school-houses, and while there is no form of public recognition which one could value more highly than this under proper circumstances, yet, after careful consideration, I must decline the honor. I have a single reason for this conclusion.

I fear that the acceptance in this case might be misunderstood; that there would be an opportunity for criticism; that some might feel that my efforts on this Board the past two years had been from some selfish motive; that my usefulness here for the coming year

might thereby be impaired. *As a guardian with you of a great trust, I am not willing to have my public influence prejudiced by any personal honors.* I would ask, therefore, that the Board at once reconsider its action, as this conclusion on my part is final.

Thanking all the members for their uniform courtesy, and for their kindness to me personally, which found expression in the vote of November 25, I am,

Very truly yours,

SAMUEL B. CAPEN.

Received, and placed on file.

Reconsideration of vote naming Samuel B. Capen School. [See page 238.]

Mr. Mowry moved to reconsider the vote whereby the following order was passed at the last meeting: —

Ordered, That the new Grammar School-house in the Hillside District be called the Samuel B. Capen School.

Mr. Mecuen rose to point of order that Mr. Mowry's motion was not in order.

The Chair decided the point not well taken.

The motion to reconsider passed.

On motion of Mr. Mowry, the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Green, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 23, 1890.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Mrs. Keller, Miss Pingree, and Messrs. S. B. Allen, O'Grady, Packard, and Schindler.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Corporation Counsel; opinion on order concerning compensation to Superintendent of Public Buildings. [See pp. 204, 221, 222, 223, 245, 259.]

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
Dec. 16, 1890.

To the Honorable the School Committee: —

GENTLEMEN, — In reply to your request for my opinion upon the legality of the order passed by your Board Dec. 9, 1890, which is as follows: —

"*Ordered*, That there be paid to James C. Tucker, Superintendent of Public Buildings of the City of Boston, fourteen hundred dollars ($1,400) for the year commencing April 1, 1890, in equal monthly instalments, for services in superintending the repairs and alterations of school property, the same to be charged to the appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings," I have to say: I understand that the objection which His Honor the Mayor made to your previous vote to pay Mr. Tucker has been removed by an amendment to the Ordinances, passed Dec. 6, 1890, and providing that the Superintendent of Public Buildings "may receive such compensation as the School Committee may fix, for his services to said committee."

I now see no objection to the School Committee voting to pay Mr. Tucker the sum stated for services rendered to the School Committee covering the time stated.

Respectfully yours,
J. B. RICHARDSON,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Phillips District. — Olive Ruggles, second assistant, Primary School, Jan. 1, 1891.

Harvard School. — Caroline J. Duff, teacher of cookery, Dec. 1, 1890.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Brighton High School. — John M. Pierce, junior-master, from Jan. 9, 1891.

East Boston High School. — Mary A. Tenney, assistant, from Jan. 5, 1891.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary P. Crosby, fourth assistant, from Jan. 9, 1891.

Eliot District. — Mary F. Simmons, second assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 18, 1890.

Everett District. — Elizabeth E. Hough, third assistant, from Jan. 5, 1891; Jane C. Levi, fourth assistant, from Nov. 6, 1890.

Gaston District. — Julia A. Noonan, third assistant, from Jan. 5, 1891.

Gibson District. — Emeline W. Ripley, third assistant, from Dec. 22, 1890.

Lewis District. — Edith A. Willey, third assistant, from Jan. 5, 1891.

Lyman District. — Gertrude L. Hodges, fourth assistant, from Dec. 15, 1890.

Harvard School. — Ellen L. Duff, teacher of cookery, from Dec. 1 to 24, 1890, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Emerson District. — Helen M. Slack, third assistant, fifth year, from Dec. 22, 1890. Election of teachers on probation.

Henry L. Pierce District. — Keziah J. Anslow, fourth assistant, from Jan. 5, 1891.

Drake School. — Julia M. Murphy, teacher of cookery, from Dec. 1, 1890.

Harvard School. — Josephine Morris, teacher of cookery, from Jan. 5, 1891.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bowdoin District. — Julia G. L. Morse, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Phillips District. — Julia F. Holland, third assistant; Annie P. Elwell, fourth assistant.

Wells District. — Sarah G. Fogarty, second assistant, Primary School; Leila L. Rand, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Bigelow School. — First assistant, Wesley C. Ginn, from Dec. 8, 1890. Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Dearborn School. — Assistant, Mary E. Connor, from Dec. 8, 1890.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Truant Officers, reported the nomination of Amos Schaffer, truant officer. Election of truant officer.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Ida M. Curtis.

Brighton High School. — Ida M. Curtis, assistant, until Feb. 1, 1891; Almira Bixby, substitute.

Edna F. Calder.

West Roxbury High School. — Edna F. Calder, assistant, until April 1, 1891.

Anna E. Reed.

Adams District. — Anna E Reed, second assistant, Primary School, until April 1, 1891; Mary A. Mahan, substitute.

Mary A. P. Cross.

Dearborn District. — Mary A. P. Cross, second assistant, Primary School, until April 1, 1891; Mary E. Connor, substitute.

Amanda Pickering.

Lewis District. — Amanda Pickering, second assistant, until April 1, 1891; Grace L. Sherry, substitute.

Sibylla A. Bailey.

Lyman District. — Sibylla A. Bailey, third assistant, until April 1, 1891; S. Janet Jameson, substitute.

Annie P. Elwell.

Phillips District. — Annie P. Elwell, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1891; Mary E. Palmer, substitute.

Report of Committee on Kindergartens; establishment of Kindergartens. [See pp. 172, 184, 205.]

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, to whom were referred — Sept. 9 and 14, and Oct. 14 — orders relative to the establishment of kindergartens in the Gaston or Lincoln District, in the Child-street School-house and in the Bartlett-street School-house, — reported that it is the purpose and desire of this committee to establish additional kindergartens as rapidly as the appropriations for the purpose will allow. They hope the appropriation of another year will enable them to open kindergartens in the localities named in the above orders. They recommend no action at the present time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Hygiene; communication from Park Commissioners, open-air gymnasiums.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Hygiene, to whom was referred from the files of last year a communication from the Park Commissioners calling attention to the fact that the open-air gymnasium at Charlesbank was ready for use, reported that this committee understands

that the attention of masters of the schools has been called to the matter, and that no special action is necessary at this time.

Accepted.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom were referred—Feb. 11, June 24, and Nov. 25—petitions relative to a new Grammar School-house in Brighton, reported that the committee have visited the locality, and carefully considered the subject, and in their opinion additional school accommodations are needed in that section. The committee do not think it desirable to establish another school district in Brighton, but they recommend that a new six-room building be erected on the lot of the present Everett school on Pearl street, and that a lot of land be obtained in North Brighton for a new school building. The committee believe that this new school building will provide for the relief of the overcrowded Allston Grammar School-house, and of the small overcrowded school buildings in that section. They recommend the passage of the following orders:—

Report of Committee on School Houses; petitions, addition to new Grammar School-house in Brighton. [See pp. 37, 154, 155, 239.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a six room school building on land belonging to the city on Pearl street, Brighton.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to advertise for proposals for a lot of land containing about 30,000 square feet, for a school building in Brighton, within the territory bounded by Market street, Western avenue, Waverley, Portsmouth, and Lincoln streets, Brighton.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to remove the desks, and fit up a

Room in Comins School-house for manual training.

room in the Comins School-house for manual training, in accordance with directions from the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Report of Committee on Manual Training; communication from Mrs. Mary Hemenway; normal instruction to teachers of schools of cookery.

Mr. Capen, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, reported that they have received a communication from Mrs. Mary Hemenway, offering to provide normal instruction to the teachers of the schools of cookery at her expense. Your committee recommend that this generous offer be accepted, and that the following order be passed: —

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be extended to Mrs. Mary Hemenway for her generous offer to provide normal instruction to the teachers of the schools of cookery, which offer this Board gratefully accepts.

Accepted, and the order passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Capen, the following order was taken from the table: —

Manual Training Schools; amendment of Regulations. [See pp. 98, 200, 210, 211.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by substituting the following for the present chapter xxvi.: —

SECTION 370. These schools are established for the purpose of giving manual instruction to the pupils of the public schools, and shall be under the charge of the Committee on Manual Training Schools. The morning sessions of these schools shall begin at nine o'clock and close at twelve o'clock; the afternoon sessions shall begin at two o'clock and close at four o'clock.

SECTION 371. The masters of districts, wherever classes in manual training are established, shall be required to furnish scholars from the classes under their care, the number to be determined by the Committee on Manual Training Schools. It shall be their duty also to see that pupils are punctual and regular in their attendance, and are not excused from any lesson without imperative reason. Whenever classes are detained, prompt notice shall be sent to the teachers.

SECTION 372. Pupils of classes in manual training shall attend morning and afternoon sessions alternately, whenever practicable, in order that each pupil shall have an equal amount of instruction. Pupils beginning a course of instruction in manual training shall be

expected to complete the same, unless excused by the committee in charge. No pupil shall be admitted to classes in domestic economy below the third class, unless permission is given by the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

SECTION 373. All exhibitions of manual training shall be in charge of the teachers of that department.

The order took its second reading, and passed.

Report of Committee on High Schools; communication from Common Council; use of gymnasium in High School building. [See page 15.]

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred — Jan. 28 — a communication from the Common Council, requesting information why boys are not allowed to use the gymnasium in the High School during the first year of their attendance at said school, reported that the only time during school hours which can be spared to the boys for exercise in the gymnasium is recess time. If all the boys were allowed to go into the gymnasium at that time, the gymnasium would be so overcrowded as to make exercise there impracticable. If, on the other hand, the whole number of boys were divided into sections severally suited to the capacity of the gymnasium, and only one section at a time allowed to go in, the boys would each have not more than two minutes' exercise a day in the gymnasium. To avoid either of these alternations, the plan has been to open the gymnasium to the first and second classes exclusively, though even that plan does not give the boys of those classes as much time in the gymnasium as they ought to have.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations, diploma examinations in Grammar Schools. [See page 100.]

Mr. Emery, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — June 24 — an order that this committee be requested to report the necessary amendments to the Rules and Regulations to provide that all members of the first classes in the Grammar Schools shall be allowed to take the examinations for

diplomas, and that no pupil in the first class shall be removed to a lower class without the consent of the Board of Supervisors, reported that they have carefully considered the matter, and have consulted the Superintendent and Supervisors in relation thereto, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to amend the Rules and Regulations as proposed. They therefore report that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; communication from Common Council; one daily session in schools. [See pp. 223, 224.]

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 11 — a communication from the Common Council, requesting this Board to report on the expediency of holding one session per day in any or all the Primary Schools of the city proper or suburban districts during the winter or entire school year, reported that in the judgment of this committee it is inexpedient to make any change in the existing regulations at the present time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; change in form of discharge card. [See page 187.]

Mr. Emery, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order that the School Committee authorize a change in the form of discharge card given to children passing from one school to another, reported that in the opinion of this committee a new form of discharge card is desirable, and as the Regulations make it the duty of the Superintendent to determine the form of all registers, record books, blanks, and cards issued in the schools, they have submitted the matter to him with the request that a new discharge card be prepared and issued. They report that no further action on the order is needed by the Board.

Accepted.

Report of Special Committee on care

Mr. Mowry, for the Special Committee, appointed Feb. 11, 1890, to consider and report the best means of

providing for the care of the health of pupils and teachers in the schools, reported that soon after their appointment the subject of physical training was specially called to the attention of the Board. The Committee on Physical Training, appointed early in the year, had already begun their consideration of the subject. Your committee were of the opinion that the recommendations of the Committee on Physical Training, and the action taken by the Board on such recommendations, would materially influence the consideration of the subject of the health of pupils and teachers, which had been referred to them. They, therefore, deemed it wise to wait until some definite action was taken by the Board on the subject of physical training before making their report. The Board has decided upon the matter of physical training, and has appointed a director in that department. Your committee are now strongly of the opinion that the work of the director, and the introduction of physical training into the schools under his supervision, will have the most beneficial results upon the health of pupils and teachers in our schools. It seems to them unwise to propose any further legislation in this connection until the plan of physical training shall have been more fully developed, and they therefore ask to be relieved of further consideration of the subject referred to them.

of health of pupils and teachers. [See pp. 46, 47.]

Accepted.

Mr. Whittemore, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Dec. 9 — an order that Albert S. Perkins, junior-master in the Dorchester High School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his grade, to date from Oct. 10, 1890, reported that Mr. Perkins entered the service as assistant in the Dorchester High School on the sixth year of his grade ($996), Oct. 10,

Report of Committee on Salaries, salary of Albert G. Perkins. [See page 251.]

1887, and was elected junior-master on the second year of his grade, in January, 1890. Mr. Perkins, at the time of his appointment as junior-master, was receiving $1,092, and the minimum of the grade of junior-master is $1,008. The committee in charge evidently considered the case of Mr. Perkins at the time of his appointment as junior-master, and in order that he should not be reduced in salary recommended that he be placed upon the second year of that grade ($1,152). He now asks for additional credit of a year and three months. The grounds upon which the increase is asked are the same as those presented in several other cases, and are almost identical with those in the case of Mr. James A. Beatley, reported to the Board in 1889. (See Minutes School Committee, 1889, pp. 134, 135, 136.) The request for the increase in salary is based upon the fact of experience before entering the service, and upon the fact that Mr. Perkins served as assistant in the Dorchester High School two years and three months previous to his appointment as junior-master. One of the first principles established, and which has governed this committee in their difficult work concerning requests for advance in salary, has been that the question of increase in salary, for whatever reasons, should be decided at the time of appointment, and for which the Rules provide. As to giving credit for experience outside the city, that should have been decided at the time Mr. Perkins entered the service. As to giving credit for the time served in a lower grade, that is contrary to all precedent. Your committee believe that the same action should be taken in regard to the order referred as has been taken in similar cases in the past, and they therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mr. Mecuen, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide curtains for the Sherwin School-house. Curtains for Sherwin School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Miss Hastings, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, it was Additional copies of report of Committee on Horace Mann School. [See page 241.]

Ordered, That two hundred additional copies of the Annual Report of the Horace Mann School be printed.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That there be paid to James C. Tucker, Superintendent of Public Buildings of the City of Boston, fourteen hundred dollars ($1,400) for the year commencing April 1, 1890, in equal monthly instalments, for services in superintending all repairs and alterations of school property, the same to be charged to the appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings. Compensation to Superintendent of Public Buildings. [See pp. 204, 221, 222, 223, 245, 259, 260, 263.]

The order passed.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following: — Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Dec. 23, 1890.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred from April 1 to January 1, being nine months' payments of the present financial year, the same being exclusive of the expenditures for furniture, repairs, and the cost for new school-houses.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1890-91.	January Draft.	Expenditures, 9 months, 1890-91.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,350,000 00	$120,832 71	$1,008,221 63	$341,778 37
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,500 00	4,970 00	44,902 33	14,597 67
Salaries, Janitors . . .	104,500 00	8,898 10	76,902 20	27,597 80
Fuel, Gas, and Water .	80,200 00	1,177 83	56,352 39	23,847 61
Supplies and Incidental Expenses	90,652 25	3,125 64	70,759 20	19,893 05
	$1,684,852 25	$139,004 28	$1,257,137 75	$427,714 50

As compared with the corresponding time last year: —

Salaries of instructors, officers, and janitors, increased .	$25,317 24
Supplies and incidental expenses, fuel, gas, and water, decreased	6,782 67
Increase for nine months	$18,534 57

For the Committee on Accounts,

GEORGE R. SWASEY, *Chairman.*

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Accounts; special teachers of methods in manual training in Primary Schools. [See page 259.]

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 9 — an order concerning an appropriation for the purpose of giving instruction in manual training methods to the teachers in the Primary Schools, reported, recommending the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Schools be authorized to employ one or more special teachers to give instruction in the methods of carrying on manual training in the Primary Schools, the expense of said instruction not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; petition for study of elec-

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — Sept. 9 — the petition of J. M. Morris and others, requesting that an opportunity be afforded them to pursue the study of electricity in the

Evening Schools, reported that the Evening High School occupies all the available rooms of the English High School building, and there is no accommodation for a class such as is proposed, which probably would also require certain apparatus for electrical experiments. The appropriation for Evening Schools will not be more than sufficient to meet the existing expenses. Your committee, therefore, are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to form such a class at present.

tricity in Evening Schools. [See page 173.]

Accepted.

Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — a petition for an Evening School in the George Putnam District, reported that there are at present two evening schools in Roxbury. The opening of an evening school in West Roxbury this year, — where formerly there was no evening school, — and the change in rank of teachers, and the large advance in numbers in the evening schools, have occasioned a considerable increase in expenses, and it is doubtful if the term can be finished within the present appropriation. Under existing circumstances, and in view of the fact that the present term has more than half passed, your committee deem it inexpedient to open a new school this year as proposed in the petition.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; petition for Evening School in George Putnam School-house. [See page 218.]

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the special assignment, being the report of the Special Committee on Historical Instruction in the High Schools, was taken up.

Special assignment, report of Committee on Historical Instruction in High Schools. [See pp. 172, 185, 216, 231, 240, 258.]

On motion of Mr. Emery, the report was referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Capen presented the following: —

Since our last meeting I have had many letters and personal suggestions proposing names for the new Grammar School building soon to be erected in the Hillside District, Jamaica Plain. In answer

Change in name of Hillside School.

to many of these suggestions, I would say that there is a very strong desire in that community to have a name which has a local significance and meaning. As Jamaica Plain has had no new school building for more than twenty years, this seems a reasonable request.

Happily, there is such a name which, I believe, will satisfy the community, and I know will be highly acceptable to the Board. In the year 1862 a school-house was erected in South street, and named in honor of one of Boston's most respected citizens, the late Nathaniel Bowditch. After the great fire in 1872, and the march of trade into this district, the school was greatly reduced in numbers, and was finally, about five years ago, united with the Winthrop School. It is not necessary for me to dwell upon the fitness of the name. Born in 1773, in a home of poverty, with opportunity to attend the public school but one or two years, apprenticed to a ship-chandler at the age of ten, he was emphatically a self-made man. His great intellectual powers, and what he did for science, coupled with his high moral character, place him in the front rank of American citizens. He was considered at one time the best mathematician in the country. The family name has been greatly honored everywhere, but has been especially identified, for nearly half a century, with Jamaica Plain. A number of the grandchildren are still residents there now, and one of the number, Dr. Henry P. Bowditch, was one of my predecessors upon this Board.

For these three reasons, (1) The fitness of the name to be thus made permanent, as one of the greatest of American scholars, (2) from the unusual way in which the school was closed, and the name dropped because of the shifting of population, (3) and the especial fitness of the name for this new building because of its local significance, I would offer the following order.

SAMUEL B. CAPEN.

Ordered, That the Hillside School be hereafter called the Bowditch School.

The communication was placed on file.

Mr. Humphreys moved that the order be referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Lost.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Green, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Ordered, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Hon. Charles T. Gallagher, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the past year; for his general interest in all that concerns the welfare of our public schools, and for his uniform courtesy to the members of the Board.

Vote of thanks to Hon. Charles T. Gallagher, President of School Board.

On motion of Mr. Emery, it was voted, that when the vote be taken it be taken by a rising vote.

The order passed unanimously.

The President responded in a brief and courteous address.

On motion of Mr. Emery, the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

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